



PART 1: KEEP PERSPECTIVE

Sermon Notes

Text: Daniel 2:27-45

It's important to keep perspective

We know the end of the story

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Jesus is the little rock that smashes all other kingdoms to dust

1. We know the main reason for turmoil in the world

"The turmoil is not because God has forgotten us, it's because he's bothering us." — Darrell Johnson

2. It's possible to waste our lives on things that don't count

v. 35

3. We never waste our lives living for the kingdom of God

v. 44 the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed...

Nothing can block the coming of Jesus' kingdom

Keep perspective this Christmas

Conclusion:

Are you going to have the worst Christmas Ever? Or, are you going to keep your perspective on Jesus and have the best Christmas ever?

Isaiah 9:6-7

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. What's your "worst Christmas ever" story?

Study & Discussion:

1. What resonated with you from the sermon? What challenged or surprised you? What questions do you have?
2. Share a time when keeping perspective helped you through what might have been a difficult time. How can keeping perspective help us during this unusual Christmas season?
3. Read Daniel 2:27-45. What stands out in this story? What would it have been like to be Daniel in this situation? Have you ever had a dream that you thought meant something real?
4. Read Isaiah 9:6-7. This is a classic Christmas text. How does it relate to Daniel 2? Where and how do you see Jesus' kingdom reigning today?

Practicing the Way of Jesus:

1. Perspective is all about learning to look at things from a different point of view. Take some time this week to think/meditate on your life and current events from different perspectives:

1. The perspective of the people closest to you

How do others feel about your decisions and actions? How are they affected by them? What do they appreciate about you? What would they like you to change?

2. God's perspective.

How does God feel about your decisions and actions? What would he like you to change? How does God view current events in the world?

3. The Perspective of Jesus' expanding kingdom.

How do current events relate to Jesus' expanding kingdom? How do your decisions and actions fit (or not fit) in his kingdom? Are you working for things that will disappear in light of Jesus' kingdom? What are you currently doing that aligns with Jesus' kingdom priorities?

Prayer: