

DISCIPLED #5 - PERSPECTIVE Call Study - Jason Park



Last week's recap:
WHEN GOD CALLS JUST SAY <u>YES</u>
YOU DON'T KNOW <u>WHERE</u> GOD IS GOING TO TAKE YOU
YOU ARE NEVER <u>EQUIPPED</u> FOR YOUR CALLING
YOU GO ALONE, GOD SENDS HELP

PERSPECTIVE OF GOD

BIG GOD LITTLE PROBLEMS

GOD IS IN CONTROL

"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please." Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV

GOD IS GOOD

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,
"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." **Hebrews 13:5 NIV**

MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE PERSPECTIVE OF GOD VS. THE WORLD

"The nations are but a drop in a bucket, a mere smudge on a window. Watch him sweep up the islands like so much dust off the floor! There aren't enough trees in Lebanon nor enough animals in those vast forests to furnish adequate fuel and offerings for his worship. All the nations add up to simply nothing before him—less than nothing is more like it. A minus." Isaiah 40:15-17 MSG

HOW DO WE KEEP REMINDED THAT GOD IS IN CONTROL? HOW DO WE FALL INTO THE TRAP OF FORGETTING GOD IS IN CONTOL?

PERSPECTIVE OF OURSELVES

AWARENESS OF OUR BADNESS...

"Here's a word you can take to heart and depend on: Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. I'm proof—Public Sinner Number One. **1 Timothy 1:15 MSG**

...HELPS US TO APPRECIATE JESUS' GIFT

Someone who could never have made it apart from sheer mercy. And now he shows me off—evidence of his endless patience—to those who are right on the edge of trusting him forever. Deep honor and bright glory to the King of All Time— One God, Immortal, Invisible, ever and always. **1 Timothy 1:16-17 MSG**

THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE = INSPIRATION

"Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize." 1 Corinthians 9:26-27 NIV

"For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." **Romans 7:18 NIV**

HOW DO WE KEEP AN ACCURATE PERSPECTIVE OF OURSELVES?
WHAT IS THE RESULT OF OUR PESPECTIVES BEING MISDIRECTED?

GOD'S COMMITMENT

GOD IS COMMITED TO BLESS US

¹¹ But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations. ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance. **Psalm 33:11-12**

HE IS COMMITED TO US WHEN WE COMMIT TO OTHERS

"and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail." Isaiah 58:10-11 NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are your initial observations?

Do you have an example of a time when the right perspective of God (BIG) impacted your perspective of a problems?

Do you have an example of the opposite? AKA your perspective of God was over-shadowed.

How would you explain that to a new/young believer?

How do you balance our "badness" with God's goodness?

What is the co-efficient of friction?