

Group Leader Guide-Sept 8

Sermon Recap

Pastor Alex introduces a new series focusing on the theme of wonder and how we often lose sight of it as we go through life, becoming desensitized to the incredible experiences and relationships around us. He emphasizes that Jesus, as the ultimate source of wonder, should be the focal point in our lives, reminding us of his preeminence and the abundant life he offers. Through personal anecdotes and scriptural references, Pastor Alex encourages the congregation to fix their eyes on Jesus and follow him, challenging them to relinquish distractions that pull them away from this goal. Ultimately, he calls for a fresh perspective on Jesus' leadership in our lives, urging everyone to embrace the transformative power of following him wholeheartedly.

Ice Breaker

If you could have any animal, real or fictional, as a pet, which one would you choose and why?

Discussion Questions

What are some specific ways that we can recognize moments of wonder in our daily lives, similar to how Pastor Alex described experiencing amusement park rides with his kids?

- Pastor Alex talked about how moments of wonder often fade away, and he shared his experience of seeing his kids enjoy rides for the first time.
- Think about a recent experience that filled you with wonder. How can that awareness change your perspective on everyday activities?

The sermon mentions that distractions can lead to a loss of wonder in our lives. What are some distractions you face that make it hard to keep your focus on Jesus?

- Pastor Alex emphasized how distractions from jobs, family, and entertainment can draw our attention away from Jesus, who is the source of true wonder.
- How can you actively remove or manage these distractions to better focus on Jesus?

In Colossians 1:15-20, Jesus is described as preeminent and the creator of all things. What does it mean for you to see Jesus as central in your life?

- Pastor Alex highlighted how knowing Jesus as the image of the invisible God can instill wonder and focus in our lives.
- How can acknowledging Jesus' central role change your decisions or actions this week?

What does it mean to you to follow Jesus as the leader of your life, and how does that relate to the idea of surrendering your will and preferences?

- The sermon discussed the importance of letting Jesus take the lead and the challenges that come with surrendering our own desires.
- Can you identify an area in your life where you struggle to let Jesus lead? What steps can you take to change that?

Pastor Alex mentioned the concept of disruption when Jesus calls us to follow Him. Are there any disruptions in your life that you feel God might be using to guide you?

- Pastor Alex pointed out how disruptions often come when God is calling us to something new or different, similar to the biblical stories mentioned.
- How can you respond positively to these disruptions, seeing them as opportunities for growth and following Jesus?

Prayer 🙏

- Ask God to help you keep your focus on Jesus amidst daily distractions.
- Pray for strength to surrender to His leadership in all areas of your life.
- Seek guidance in exploring wonder and joy in following Christ this week.
- Share specific prayer requests and ask for God's help in those areas.