Group Notes

INTRODUCTION

This past weekend Chad talked about perspective. Does it ever feel like you have the wires crossed in your mind? Our lives are always moving in the direction of our strongest thoughts. What we think creates our lives. Perspective is the seed from which our future grows. We can plant different seeds and grow change in our lives. It all begins with perspective.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- If you were stranded on a deserted island and could choose 4 items to have with you and 1 person to keep you company, what would you choose and who would you pick?
- Describe a time when you had a conversation that you thought was going to go a certain way only to be completely surprised by the direction it actually went.

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your sermon notes from this weekend's teaching, was there anything said that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. What is good and what is challenging in your life right now?
- 2. Read <u>Matthew 25:14-27</u>. How did the 3 servants perceive the master? How did their perceptions shape their actions?
- 3. Each of the servants received a different number of talents from the master, and that could have affected the way the third servant perceived the situation. It has been said that comparison destroys contentment, and we live in a culture where we constantly see things on social media that make us compare ourselves to others. Which servant are you?
 - a. How does this perspective shape your relationship with God?
 - b. How does this perspective shape your relationship with others?
- 4. How has comparing yourself to others negatively affected you in your life?
- 5. The Master was not obligated to give the servants anything. The fact is, some were given more, some were given less but all were given much. What is something you have been given that you are truly grateful for?
- 6. Let's be intentional in shifting our perspective. Each day this week, write down 5 things that you are grateful to God for.

PRAYER

Go around your group and ask for prayer requests. Ask God to give you the wisdom you need to shift your perspective. Ask Him to provide you with godly counsel from others in your life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Sun Valley's annual Single Parent Blessing is coming up and we need YOU! We believe it is important to partner with the single parents at Sun Valley and provide encouragement and support throughout the year. As a group, decide what family

size you would be able to sponsor for the 2022 Single Parent Blessing! Your leader will be receiving a registration link to get your group signed up! If you have questions, please reach out to your campus Next Steps pastor.

• It is not too late to jump into the Marriage Course! This seven week series is designed to help couples build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively, and resolve differences well. Sign up at <u>marriage.sv.cc</u>