



RECAPTURING JESUS' VISION FOR HIS CHURCH

Church Family Picnic

Make plans now with your Life Group for the picnic that is on June 5! You can coordinate what to bring. You can even organize a touch football or baseball game! The idea is we just want to hang out do what you would normally do when you go the park with friends.



CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC JUNE 5

Bring Your Own Food and Recreation

**6PM-8:30PM
MINISTRY FIELD**



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Week 3 | We Treasure God | John 4:21-26

WE GET THE CHURCH WRONG WHEN GOD CEASES TO BE THE ONE WE TREASURE

According to Merriam-Webster's dictionary the word calibrate is defined as follows: to standardize (something, such as a measuring instrument) by determining the deviation from a standard so as to ascertain the proper correction factors. In practical terms, this often refers to an instrument that has been set to a true value and then is subsequently used to correct other tools or instruments and bring them back to that true value. You might be thinking, "How in the world does this apply to the church?" Well, I think the heavenly scene in Revelation 5:8-14 is like that standardizing tool that reveals to us the true value for the church, which is treasuring God. There are many things in churches today that can be treasured above God. Our stuff, our programs, our buildings, our reputation, our pastors, our music, our yelp rating, our attendance compared to other churches, our spiritual gifts, our celebrityism, our agendas, and issues. When we start to deviate from treasuring God, the church loses its center and becomes powerless and ineffective in influencing culture. Our time together becomes monotonous, spiritually dry, and fatiguing. The only solution is to recalibrate. Put God at the center and treasure Him above all other things.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: **Pray, Reflect, and Reach.** Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.



PRAY (10 min)

As a Life Group, take time to reflect and pray over this weekend's message and spend time thanking and praising God for Who He is and how good He is. Tell Him what you're grateful for.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

1. **How has being born again reshaped what you treasure in your life? Spend time discussing the contrast between your life before you were saved and your life since you've been saved.**
2. Pastor Derek used the story of Cortez burning his ships when he came to the new land as an illustration for the lifestyle of treasuring God.
Explain what that illustration meant and how it relates to holiness and generosity. Evaluate your own life. Have you forsaken the worldly self-centered life to follow Christ? In what ways, yes? In what ways, no?

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

3. Revelation 5:8-14 is a prophetic picture of your future in heaven.

In other words, it's what you will be doing for eternity. How does the future picture of treasuring God impact your life today?

Worship is an attitude of the heart and a lifestyle we live before it's a song that we sing.

4. **How can your life group take greater steps to treasure God?**

If the church is going to treasure God in heaven, then the church should treasure God on earth.



WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSE

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.



REACH (5 min)

Considering what God revealed to you this week, think of one way that you can be more determined to treasure God in your life. Also, pray for an opportunity to encourage one person this week to treasure God.

We will be waiting with anticipation to see how God blessed you as you treasured Him.