

Magnify "Gaining a New Perspective"

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Community:

1. Do you have any memories of using microscopes or telescopes throughout your life? What did you see that fascinated you most?
2. Are you a "glass half-full" or "glass half-empty" type of person?

Core:

1. What happens to your perspective on life when you walk through something difficult or painful? Do you tend to magnify the situation or minimize it?
2. How does or is that perspective affecting the most important areas of your life?
3. What words or characteristics would you use to describe your perspective of God? What has shaped your perspective of God?
4. **Read Genesis 1:1.** Where does your purpose come from and what do you think it is? Does the fact that God intentionally created you has influenced your purpose?
5. **Read Psalm 139:13-16.** What do you think this passage teaches us about God and your value to God? Do you believe you are valuable to God? Why or why not?
6. **Read Galatians 3:26-27.** When you think about God as your father, what happens to your perspective on life? How does viewing God as your father influence your perspective on the difficult or painful parts of your life?
7. Ben said that we have to "*quit magnifying our lives and start magnifying our God*" when it comes to those difficult areas of life. With that truth in mind, what do you think it practically looks like for you to magnify God instead of the circumstances in your life?
8. **Read Matthew 11:28.** What can this verse teach us about what Jesus offers us? Where do you want/need God to show up and provide "rest" in your life?

Challenge:

This week, Ben challenged us to take a look at our perspectives. With that in mind, take some time daily this week to:

1. Read Matthew 11:28.
2. Remind yourself and rest in the truth that God, the Creator of all existence, crafted you on purpose and died so that you could call Him "Dad."