

Youth Discussion Guide

Proper Perspective: For the week of June 28 - July 4, 2020

Main Thought and Scriptures:

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4 ESV)

"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:17-18 ESV)

In the past several months, we've all gone through some sort of difficulty or discomfort in life. However, there is some good news: God's Word reminds us that when we go through trials, it's for a purpose. We know that He hears us and that He loves us (Psalms 34), so during times of hardship, we can trust that God is doing something through those tough times. When we view trials through a perspective of fear or anxiety, it often causes us to give up or give in, allowing ourselves to become victims to those trials. But if we align with God's perspective of trials, we will see Him move both in and through our lives.

Discussion Questions:

- What is a trial or difficulty that you're currently facing? What kind of perspective do you have when you think about it? (Godly? Fearful? Anxious? Etc.)
- We have the right perspective on trials by: 1) Aligning with God's Perspective, 2) Trusting that He hears you and loves you, and 3) Seeking Him and staying close to Him through reading His Word, prayer, and being in Godly community on a consistent basis. Which one of these do you need to work on so that you can have Godly perspective on life? And practically how will you do that?

Prayer:

- Pray for each other that God would help you to see life more from His perspective, rather than our own.
- Pray for one person who you can help have a more positive perspective on life, and ask that God would use you to share His love with them this week.

Announcement:

Starting July 5th, 2020 we will be hosting weekly Youth Ministry Gatherings for Middle School and High School students (open to incoming 6th - incoming 12th graders) at 9:00am in the Youth Outreach Community Center, located at the end of the cul-de-sac of Main Campus. Please go to pearlside.org/youthform to sign the mandatory form if you would like to join us. Also, like and subscribe to Pearlside Youth's YouTube account (search "Pearlside Youth" on YouTube), as well as follow us on Instagram @pearlsideyouth for updates and communications.