



LIFE GROUP CURRICULUM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020
PREACHER: PASTOR AKINBINU
SERMON SERIES: VISION IMPAIRMENTS
SERMON TITLE: NEARSIGHTEDNESS
SCRIPTURE VERSE: GENESIS 25:29-34; GENESIS
27:34-36; HEBREWS 12:16-17

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SERMON SUMMARY

SERMON RECAP

Nearsightedness (Read Genesis 25:29-34; Genesis 27:34-36; Hebrews 12:16-17): Nearsightedness is a vision impairment that causes individuals to see objects near to them clearly while having blurry vision for objects that are far away. In the Spiritual realm, nearsightedness can be paralleled with having a clear perspective and focus on the immediate or present, with little focus on the unseen future. In this passage, Esau is guilty of nearsightedness. In a moment of weakness, he agrees to sell his birthright for a bowl of soup. The birthright came with privileges of headship of the family and perhaps a double-share of the estate. Essentially, Esau sells his inheritance and blessing for a bowl of soup. Later in Genesis, when the soup was digested, Esau seeks the blessing from his father and is in tears when he does not receive it. As a result of his nearsightedness, Esau is mentioned as a negative example of faith in Hebrews.

KEY POINTS

1. Reject Carnal Impulsivity (Pause and Pray)
2. Don't Be Extreme In Your Assessment Of Temporary Discomfort
3. Recognize That Eternity Is In Every Minute



FACILITATORS

FOR YOU!

Remember to begin each Life Group session with a word of prayer. This curriculum guide contains a brief summary of the sermon of the week as well as the discussion questions for this week. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the sermon.

LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP!

1. In the Spiritual realm, nearsightedness can be paralleled with having a clear perspective and focus on the immediate or present, with little focus on the unseen future. Why is it dangerous for believers to live their lives this way?
2. Esau is guilty of nearsightedness. In a moment of weakness and impulsiveness, he agrees to sell his birthright for a bowl of soup. Tell us about a time when you made a bad decision based on nearsightedness and impulse? What caused you to make the decision that you made? What did it cost you in the end?



LIFE GROUP STUDY

DIVING INTO THE WORD!

1. Christians that are nearsighted will only be concerned with what is right before their eyes. What does the Bible say about people who live their lives this way?
2. Based on scripture, how can we prevent ourselves from making nearsighted decisions?

LET'S GO DEEPER!

1. As you reflect on where you are in your faith journey, are there any areas that you are living with nearsightedness? If so, why?
 2. What practical strategies do you find useful for overcoming nearsightedness in your faith walk?
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LIFE GROUP STUDY

LIVE IT OUT!

1. Proverbs 11:14 says that in a multitude of counselors there is safety. Be intentional about surrounding yourself with godly people of faith that you can trust to help you make wise decisions about your future.
 2. Share Sunday's sermon with someone and invite them to church.
 3. Plan to attend worship service this Sunday and Refresh this Wednesday.
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