



## MESSAGE NOTES

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It is our perspective that will allow us to live an unbroken life.

### God's plan for us is to be God-focused.

- Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. - Matthew 22:37
- But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. - Matthew 6:33
- I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. - Psalm 16:8

### Why don't we live this way?

#### 1. Distraction

- We get distracted by busyness.
- We get distracted by promises of happiness outside of God.

#### 2. The blessings of God

- Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth... - Deuteronomy 8:17-18

### God uses adversity to get our attention.

- My suffering was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your decrees. - Psalm 119:71
- "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." - C.S. Lewis
- "After the attacks, millions of nominally churching or generally irreligious Americans were desperately seeking something that would restore stability and a sense of meaning to life." - George Barna
- I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. - Ephesians 3:8-10
- As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died. - Galatians 6:14
- For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. - Philippians 1:21
- Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink. Acts 9:8-9

### What could God accomplish through you if He had your undivided attention?

WEEKLY BIBLE READING			
One Year New Testament	SUNDAY Mark 10:13-31	MONDAY Mark 10:32-52	TUESDAY Mark 11:1-25
This Week →	March 1	March 2	March 3
WEDNESDAY Mark 11:27-12:17	THURSDAY Mark 12:18-34	FRIDAY Mark 12:35-13:13	SATURDAY Mark 13:14-37
March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE: GALATIANS 6:14			

# FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

1. How do you know what is most important to a person?

READ Mark 12:30. What is Jesus teaching us in this passage? Why is it so challenging to be God-focused?

2. A disciple of Jesus Christ is to love God above all else. By contrast, a non-disciple has fallen in love with something else and places that thing before God and His will for their life. Does this seem extreme or over the top to you? Why or why not?

READ Psalm 16:8-9. Why would we decide to make God our top priority? What does it look like to live a life where God is the top priority?

What can hinder us from making God and His will for our life the most important aspect of our life? What is keeping you from giving God that number one spot?

3. C.S. Lewis wrote, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." READ Psalm 119:71. What perspective does this quote and the passage from Psalm give us on adversity?

READ 1 Peter 5:6-10. How can adversity help us get to place of putting God and His will for our lives as top priority? Share a time when God used adversity in your life, or in the life of someone you know, to bring the focus of life back to His will.

4. What came to mind when Danny asked the question, "what could God accomplish through you, if He had your undivided attention?" What can you do this week to gain the perspective that adversity is used to gain our attention and make God's will for our lives the top priority?



## Welcome to EMMANUEL CHURCH

Greenwood Campus

February 28 & March 1, 2015

### GUEST INFORMATION

Please fill out a Connection Card and drop it in the offering bucket. Thank you for being our guest!

As our guest, please do not feel obligated to participate in our offering. Instead we hope that you will receive our gift to you of a comfortable experience and a message that makes sense to you.

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### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

BANTA

696

GREENWOOD

2,984

### TOTAL IMPACT

Both Campuses

Attendance: 3,680

Offering: \$80,864

*January Attendance Averages: Banta - 740, Greenwood - 3,656*

*January Giving Average: \$69,343*

*\$81,000 per week fully funds our Greenwood and Banta campuses.*