

Group Leader Guide

Breakthrough: part 3 “My Way, His Way, or the Highway”

Sermon Recap

In his sermon, Pastor Scott emphasizes the need for a breakthrough in our lives through God's perspective on problems. He explains that God views our challenges as part of our faith journey, not as obstacles, and encourages believers to shift their focus from their circumstances to God's eternal purpose. Problems can become opportunities for spiritual growth and ministry, as experiences of pain can empower us to help others. Ultimately, with God's eternal perspective, our trials are temporary moments preparing us for a greater glory, confirming that true peace comes from a relationship with Christ.

Discussion Questions

1. What from the sermon stood out to you? How were you challenged, motivated, or convicted from what you heard?
2. In what ways do you think worship can help us reframe and refocus on our problems?
 - Pastor Scott emphasized that worship helps us shift our focus away from our issues towards the goodness of God.
 - What are some practical ways you can incorporate worship into your life during tough times?
3. What are some ways that you can change your perspective on problems you face in your daily life?
 - Pastor Scott talked about how our perspective can make a huge difference in how we view our problems and that most of our worries are a result of our own perspective.
 - Think of a specific recent problem you encountered. How did your perspective affect your reaction to it?
4. How can understanding that God sees our problems as part of our journey affect the way you deal with difficult situations?
 - Pastor Scott mentioned that each person is on a different part of their faith journey, which means our problems are not just random; they are part of something bigger.
 - Can you identify a difficult moment in your life that contributed to your personal growth? How can recognizing this influence your future challenges?
5. Looking at 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, how can the idea that our problems are 'light momentary afflictions' help you when you feel overwhelmed?
 - Pastor Scott explained that God views our earthly problems in light of eternity, which changes how we should respond to them.
 - Can you think of a way to apply this perspective when facing a current or future challenge in your life?
6. Why is it important to view our problems as opportunities for positive change, rather than seeing them as setbacks?

- Pastor Scott discussed how our problems can be platforms for helping others and how they do not disqualify us from being used by God.
- Share an example of a problem you've faced that allowed you to help someone else, or how can you plan to use future challenges for good?

Prayer

- First, gather any prayer requests from the group.
- Ask God to help us trust in His perspective during our hardships.
- Pray for wisdom to recognize our problems as opportunities for growth.
- Request strength to overcome fear and to lean into our relationship with Him this week.