

Small Group Bible Study: Keeping the Main Thing the Main Thing

Text: John 12:12–36

Main Idea: Jesus' priority is the salvation and transformation of people — not political victory or cultural comfort.

1. Misplaced Expectations

The crowd expected Jesus to overthrow Rome and fix their problems, but He came to defeat sin and Satan.

What are some ways we might expect Jesus to fix our world according to our plans instead of His? How can we realign our expectations with His priorities?

2. God's Priority: People Over Problems

Jesus delayed setting all things right so that more people could find salvation.

How does this truth challenge the way you think about injustice, politics, or the brokenness you see in the world?

3. When Fear Shapes Our Perspective

Fear can make our problems look big and our God look small.

What are some fears that tend to control how you respond to news, culture, or challenges — and how can you choose faith over fear this week?

4. Seeing People as Souls, Not Enemies

The sermon reminded us that our battle isn't against people but against Satan's influence.

Who in your life might you have viewed as an "enemy" instead of someone God loves? How could you shift your attitude toward them?

5. Trusting God with the Next Generation

We can't fully protect our children or grandchildren, but we can teach them to trust God.

What's one way you can model faith and dependence on the Holy Spirit for the younger people in your life?

6. Living Out Jesus' Priorities

Jesus calls His people to share the gospel, care for others, and trust Him as King.

Which of these three actions—sharing, caring, or trusting—do you sense God calling you to grow in most right now? What's one step you can take this week?