



LOOK BEYOND OURSELVES

SEEING LIFE & PEOPLE WITH AN ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

What does it mean to LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF?

Since the world doesn't "revolve around me", we want to live with purpose. If we look at life differently, we can see opportunities to impact people along our path. Instead of letting people & circumstance control us, we can make a positive effect in life. We want to be filled with God's love so He is at work in us AND through us. We can't fully understand God until we live out His ways.

We want to be known for our love for others and for making an impact. Because we've experienced God's grace, we'll be a people of second chances as we offer compassion. As we go through life, we want to see people & life with an eternal perspective so everyone can experience their best life.

Read the following Bible passages and reflect on how it speaks about Looking Beyond Ourselves and how you can take steps in this area:

Matthew 25, Phillipians 2:1-15, Luke 10:25-37, 1 John 4:7-21, Matthew 20:20-28

"Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it." *Matthew 10:39*

STEPS & RESOURCES

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WHAT'S AROUND YOU

Looking beyond yourself is seeing everyone in your life as a opportunity to help them experience their best life. We challenge you each morning to pray, "God, use me to make a difference today." If you pray & look for opportunities you will see them all around you.

Consider these options as well:

Help a Neighbor: Rake their yard or bring a meal to someone in need.

Local Non-profit: There are many to choose from & they all need helping hands.

Co-workers: Buy someone lunch or send an encouraging note.

School: Sit with someone who's alone at lunch. There's students all around you who need a friend.

VOLUNTEER

If The Journey has been a great place for you & you have taken steps with Jesus, you can pave the way for someone else to have the same experience. Every week at The Journey we have a team of volunteers that make it all happen. We have volunteers that host, serve at the coffee bar, help with kids, teens, music, tech and more! Fill out a Volunteer Form at the Next Steps Center or online and make a difference in the lives of others by volunteering at The Journey.

NETWORK TEAMS

If our church closed up, would the community care? We want to be a church that makes a real impact by helping people. Networks are all about being part of a team where we can get in the real life game of looking beyond ourselves. As a team, we can take next steps together and impact our community where God works in and through us. Each regional Network Team gets in the game by helping struggling families, doing yard work/home repairs, or providing food for people in need. We're also looking beyond ourselves by helping the team to take steps God and caring for each other through various connecting opportunities. Check the Network Page online or the display at the Next Steps Center for upcoming opportunities.

MISSION TRIPS

We offer trips to help ministries we support like Verve Church in Las Vegas or the House of Hope in Kenya. These trips change your perspective and are great opportunities to shift your focus. Email admin@thejourneycc.com to request information about upcoming trips.

PRAYER TEAM

Each week we have a team that prays for our church and the people at The Journey. As people submit requests each week, the team receives an email list to pray for others. If you would like to support our church & others in prayer, email admin@thejourneycc.com or use your connect card at church to sign up.

QUESTIONS & REFLECTIONS

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How have you experienced being served or serving others? How did that make you feel?

What motivates you to serve others?

Why is it hard to look beyond yourself?

How can we see life from different perspectives?

How has God wired you in ways you could serve others?

What's holding you back from taking steps to look beyond yourself?

There might be many things or a few things you need to do, but what's your next step?

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION, CHECK OUT THIS BOOK:

- What On Earth Am I Here for?* by Rick Warren
- Guerilla Lovers* by Vince Antonucci
- 10 Second Rule* by Clare De Graff
- Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren

