WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Sermon Title: Vision: Seeing It Before You See It
Key Scripture: Proverbs 29:18a KJV
Recorded Sermon: https://www.woodvale.ca/pastservices
Date + Speaker: September 10, 2023 Pastor Mark Scarr

Starter Question:

1. What sort of eye problems have you or your family members dealt with? How has the condition affected their lives? Eyesight and vision, however, are not the same thing. Read Proverbs 29:18. Pastor Mark examines what vision is and how lack of vision might affect an individual or church.

Discussion Questions to Review (observation):

2. The Hebrew word for 'vision' is 'chazon'. It means to see God's will, not with ones eyes but rather, with ones heart and mind. Read this quote from Helen Keller (American author without sight or hearing): "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision"and Ephesians 1:18. What connections can you make between this passage and an observation like Keller's?
3. In Proverbs the term 'perish' is used. In Hebrew it is 'para' meaning barren, backward, untethered, dead. Lack of vision, then, is NOT neutral. Read Amos 8:11-12. How does this passage illustrate the devastation of lack of vision? Discuss the relationship between vision, hope and despair.

Discussion Questions for Digging Deeper (interpretation and application):

4. Read 1 Chronicles 12:32a and Nehemiah 1:4 & 2:17. What characteristics set the 'men of Issachar' and Nehemiah apart? What other characteristics might you add?
5. Review the various meanings of the Hebrew word for 'perish'. How do these relate to the character of God? It is clear they are opposite to one another. What does this mean for us as His children, recipients of a rich and glorious inheritance (according to Ephesians)?
6. Pastor Mark ended the sermon introducing the various ministries and the vision the WPC leadership has for the future. Allow the group members some time to express a vision (a visual of God's will for their future) they may have. Encourage those with 'nothing' not to despair but to pray for revelation in God's timing. He is trustworthy.