

THE UPSIDE

The Extraordinary
Power of Perseverance

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THE BIGGER PICTURE
Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

One piece of a 1000-piece puzzle doesn't make sense unless you have the picture. In this message, Pastor Daniel explains how knowing the bigger picture of our lives helps us make sense of the small part of it we can see now. One day all that will matter is what we did with Jesus. One day can start today when we begin living our lives in the light of eternity.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- James 4:13-17
- James 5:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 3:12-15
- Colossians 3:1-4

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- Pastor Daniel quotes C.S. Lewis who said, "Aim at Heaven, and you will get Earth 'thrown in'; aim at Earth, and you will get neither." What are some of the things your heart is set on? Do they align with the treasures of Earth or of Heaven?
- If you knew you only had 30 days to live, how would that change the way you live? What would change if you lived only for God's purposes?
- What are some ways you have been blessed? How have you used those blessings to be a blessing? What are some new ways you need to be a blessing to others?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- What are your next steps in light of the bigger picture and living a life that matters?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray for opportunities where you can use your blessings to be a blessing.

LEADER TIPS

- Consider opening the discussion by sharing about a time when everything seemed to go slow, but looking back it now seems so fast. Describe what you would have done differently if you had your current perspective.