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DISCUSSION GUIDE - Feb. 9, 2025

Do Not Look Upon Sin

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SUMMARY

We confront the idea that “God cannot look upon sin.” God doesn’t see “wickedness.” He sees us as He sees Himself. We confront the modern tendency toward isolation in faith. Authentic kingdom manifestation can only occur through community. God Himself exists as a community in the Trinity.

ICE BREAKER

Did you have a favorite TV show growing up and did it influence how you viewed friendships and community?

KEY VERSES

Habakkuk 1:13

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

John 17:21

Genesis 1

Matthew 22:37-40

QUESTIONS

- Creation is crying out for the manifestation of what (Romans 8:19)?
- What is the context for the often stated, “God cannot look upon sin.”
- How did the perspectives of Paul and John about people and the church differ?
- What’s “The Golden Rule,” and how does that compare with what the Pharisees asked Jesus, how He responded and eventually what He commanded?
- What did God do “in the beginning” in Genesis when the world was dark?

GLOSSARY ITEMS

- Glory
- *Marimna* (Greek)
- Apostle
- Pastor



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SEEDS FOR DISCUSSION

- God sees us as He sees Himself.
- “Community is not optional. It's literally the point.” It is essential for kingdom manifestation.
- Online community should supplement, not replace, local community.
- “Most people that listen to our teaching have been hurt by the religious mind. I won't even say the local church because you don't have to go to church to get hurt by a religious person.” Do you recognize anything from the 1980s, '90s and 2000s that could have affected you or your willingness to be a part of community? Are there ways to participate in healthy community today? What might that look like for you?
- Maturity is shown through unity despite differences. Hypothetical example from service with congregant Ben Gieseey:
 - “Let's imagine for a moment that Ben is actually a reformed Calvinist. As a reformed Calvinist, he would inevitably hate everything I say. What do I know about Ben? That his theology keeps him from knowing about himself. Ben's theology as a reformed Calvinist would actually support that he is depraved, wicked, right, and just a sinner saved by grace. So he's got no way outside of his worldview to be established as a Son. But as a Son, I see Ben here (as God does, from the 100-fold/third heaven realm), even if Ben doesn't see Ben there. So now the responsibility to bring heaven into this is mine and mine alone because it's not possible for him until somebody shows up.
 - “The only way to bring us to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ is ... (when we stop judging) everybody else and we agree to be part of a community that's no longer optional because community is the solution to the world's problems.”
- Theology must be applied within community. “If you're not around others, you have no idea if you are the image of your Father.”
- “The version of you that is able to be taken in through somebody's senses is the least real version of you that exists.”