



In the Meantime, Pt. 4: Where's Your Focus?

What do you do when life hasn't gone in the direction you hoped or wanted it to go and there's nothing you can do to change your circumstances? What do you do when you're living "in the meantime"? If you've ever been in the meantime or if you're currently in the meantime, you can't help but conclude you'll never be happy again, nothing good can come from your circumstances, and there's no point in continuing. Can it really be true that God will make things right?

Bottom Line: When you focus on what's wrong, you lose sight of what God makes right.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you tend to be patient or impatient? How does that tendency affect your relationships and the way you deal with your circumstances?
2. When something goes wrong in your life, what is your first response? Anger, confusion, resentment, blame, or something else? Explain why that is your first reaction.
3. Describe a time in your life when you felt like God wasn't there. What did you do in that moment?
4. Many times when we look back on a situation, we get a better understanding of why it happened. This is called "hindsight 20/20". Describe a time when you experienced this.
5. **Read John 9:1-3.** In this part of scripture, Jesus and his disciples come upon a blind man and Jesus heals him. But the disciples have questions for Jesus. They want to know why the blindness happened to him. Discuss with the group Jesus' response in verse 3. How have you seen "the works of God" displayed through a situation?
6. When challenging situations arise, how can we shift our focus from what went wrong to what is God making right? How would that shift change the way you approach the situation?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
8. How can the group encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.