

Message: Becoming an Overcomer-Growing in God's Perspective | Toby Slough | May 17, 2020

### ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

As believers in Christ, we are called to receive hope from God and deliver that hope to a desperate world. During worship we sang "I find my strength, I find my hope, I find my help in Christ alone." (In Christ Alone, Passion)

1. How do you define hope? How can you be a better receiver of heavenly hope?
2. How can we be a wellspring of hope (living water) to all that are around us?

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Colossians 3:1-2, 12(NIV) Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

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### Kingdom Perspective

Jesus stood out because he had a different perspective than those around him. He had a kingdom mindset and was kingdom focused. (Matt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God).

1. How was Jesus' perspective (what he saw and heard) different than those around him? How was that evident in his actions?
2. Other than Jesus, who have you know that had a kingdom perspective to life? How were they different?

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### A Transformed Perspective

Changing our perspective and becoming an overcomer begins with having kingdom eyes to see people and things through God's perspective. (Proverbs 20:12 NLT ears to hear and eyes to see— both are gifts from the Lord.) Change in perspective is occurring when we begin seeing individuals instead of issues. (See Matt 9:36 below, Jesus saw the people).

3. How can we practice changing our perspective and growing an overcoming mindset?
4. We are often on sensory overload, bombarded with TV, Internet, Radio, News, etc. What are practical ways we can do to monitor our intake... what we see and hear?

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### Evidence of a New Perspective

Compassion is direct evidence of a transformed perspective. Compassion is not a concept or idea but something you do. We like the idea of compassion but often struggle with actually doing it. Matthew 9:36 tells us "Seeing the people, He (Jesus) felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd." When we pray and ask God to let us see people the way he sees them we will see their need and be moved with compassion.

5. How can we pray differently for the people we encounter every day? How can we look at people with eyes to see their need for hope and compassion?
6. How has God gifted and equipped you to show compassion to those around you and those whom you encounter?