

Encountering The Bigger Picture

1. What is a personal story (like Scott's story about the cherry on the ice cream sundae) where you have missed the bigger picture because you were focusing on a smaller point?
2. Scott made the point that one of the ways that Jesus was pointing people toward the bigger picture was by helping them to see that the kingdom of God had drawn closer than it ever had before. Now the Holy Spirit lives inside of every follower of Jesus. In what ways should this impact how we live?
3. Do you see those impacts (from question #2) active in your own life? What keeps us, at times, from living in the reality of the presence of God?
4. Scott mentioned that there are still greater blessings available to us. What kind of blessings come to your mind when you think about the greater blessings of God?
5. What are some ways that we can strike a better balance of being faithful with the smaller (more personal) areas that God has given us while not losing sight of the bigger picture of who Jesus is and what He has already accomplished for us?
6. Is there an area (struggle, loss, battle, problem) in your personal life right now that is causing you to lose sight of the larger reality of God's kingdom and nature?

I'd really like for a good bit of time to be spent on #6. I think this will be the best opportunity to really listen to your group and find out where your people need to be prayed for and encouraged. You don't have to have all the answers...simply listen to their answers to the question and pray for one another to encounter Jesus in the midst of the battles.