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### **DRIFT**

## **Introduction**

This week, we continued our series called **Against the Current**. Whether you realize it or not, your life is moving in a direction that follows a current. We often don't choose this current, we end up drifting into it. We drift into pressure, noise, expectations, cultures, habits, and rhythms we might not have chosen otherwise and eventually we wake up and ask the question: "How did I end up here?" During this series, we are going to be pushing back— **against the current**, against spiritual drift— and anchoring ourselves in Jesus.

**Seek the Word:** Before discussing this week's questions, read through Hebrews 10:11-12 and Hebrews 12:1-3 out loud as a group. What stands out to you from this passage?

### **DRIFT**

*What would you say gets the most of your attention throughout the week? What is it about that thing/person/responsibility that seems to require so much of your focus? What would happen if you stopped focusing on it?*

#### **Why should we fix our eyes on Jesus?**

- **He Is Seated— The Work Is Finished**
  - How does the authority of Jesus and what He did on the cross change the way that we interact with God and engage with His Kingdom?
  - What is the significance of Jesus being called the highest priest? How does this connect to the sacrifice He offered and the authority that He carries?
  
- **He Scorned Its Shame— The Cross Lost Its Power**
  - Have you ever experienced shame or insults because of your faith in Jesus? How did that affect you and your faith?
  - Why is it important that Jesus transformed what the cross represents? How does this affect the "power dynamic" between God and the world?
  
- **He Made A Promise— And He Followed Through**
  - Take some time as a group to read through the story of Abraham and Isaac in Genesis 22:1-14. Share with each other what parallels/foreshadowing you see appear in this passage that show up in the Gospel story.
  - When you see the promises of God become fulfilled, even thousands of years later, how does that affect the way that you see Him? How has God followed through on His promises to you?

## Wrap Up

**Reminder: Whatever has your attention has your direction.** The things that we focus on, prioritize, or look out for are often the things that we end up being closest to. And far too often, those things end up leaving us let down, hurt, and farther from where we actually want to be than when we started. But when we fix our eyes on Jesus, *the pioneer and perfecter of our faith*, we get to experience so much more than that. We get to trust in His great power and authority, experience His deep love for us, and believe that He will be the same as He has been for all time. The direction of our lives, when we fix our eyes on Jesus, will be forever changed.

### Challenge: Focus, Focus, and Re-Focus

For some of us, we have begun the drift away from Jesus. Something else has captured our attention and is pulling us away from where God wants us to be. Take some time this week to identify what you are fixing your eyes on, and set in motion a new course of action to focus on Jesus instead.

If you are someone who feels like they are fully fixed on Jesus, that is great! There are those around you, however, who need your help to find Jesus. Identify someone in your life (OneLife) who needs your help to look for Jesus and fix their eyes on Him. Have one conversation with them this week about your faith and invite them into experiencing it for themselves alongside you.

For others of us, we have not even started looking towards Jesus. It might be because of doubts, fears, questions, concerns, or any other number of things. If this is you, trust in God and in the group around you enough to take one step towards Him this week. Maybe that means asking the tough questions, giving God one prayer, or maybe even going so far as to put your faith in Him.

**Prayer:** Close your time together in prayer, asking God for “vision-correction”. Ask that God would be very revealing in your lives this week as to ways that you have drifted away from Him to pursue other things. Pray that those who are lost would begin to find Him, and that those who have drifted would plant themselves firmly in Jesus and His work on the cross.