



START WITH WHY

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FIXING YOUR EYES ON JESUS

THE POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE WERE:

“let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us”

- Beware of distractions.
- Make wise and discerning choices.
- Pursue the ultimate prize – keep moving forward to the finish line.

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you the most from this week's message?
2. What do you do, feel, or think when going through a rough time?
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-3. Why do you think the author uses the image of a race to describe the life of a follower of Jesus? Does that image resonate with you? What other image might you use to describe it?
4. In his message Pastor Andrew gives a list of wise choices that can help us run our race. They are:
 - a. Faithfulness, not speed.
 - b. Obedience, not convenience.
 - c. Generosity, not hoarding.
 - d. Sacrifice, not comfort.
 - e. People, not project.

What situation are you going through now that needs God's wisdom? Which of these choices speaks to you the most?

5. Pastor Andrew quotes authors Len Sweet & Frank Viola who write, *“The entire Scriptures ... are unified by a common narrative ... telling the story of God's interactions, intersections, and interventions with humanity through the life of Jesus ... the thread that holds all Scripture together. He is the prism that breaks forth its multifaceted colors ... the lens that puts all of it into focus, the switch that sheds light on its dimly lit quarters, and the key that unlocks its meaning and richness ...”* How can an understanding of the centrality of Jesus in the scriptures influence our understanding of them?

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6. What is one thing you can do this week to keep your eyes fixed on Jesus?

LET'S PRAY: Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).