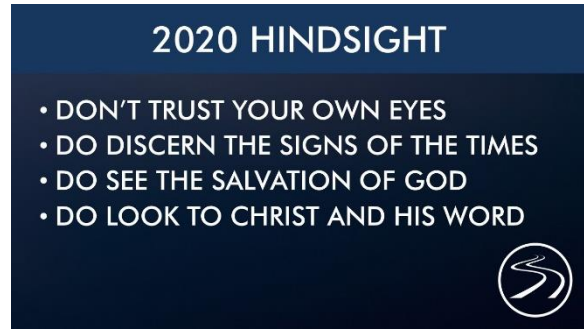


2020 Hindsight

December 20, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. What have you learned about God this year?
2. What have you learned about yourself?
3. The sermon examined some basic lessons we can take from 2020. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
4. Read Acts 9:1-9. This is the story of the conversion of Saul (later to be known as the Apostle Paul)
 - a) Why do you think Jesus appeared to Saul with a bright light?
 - b) Why do you think the Lord arranged for Saul to be blind for three days? Do you think there might have been a message for him in this?
 - c) Now read Acts 9:10-20. What stands out to you in this part of the story?
 - d) Did Saul see anything while he was blind? (see v. 12). How is this significant?
 - e) What had he been busy doing? (see v. 11). What lesson might there be to us in this?
 - f) Paul later gave some more details about his experience on the road to Damascus. Read Acts 26:16-18. What was Jesus sending him to do? How did this mission relate to Paul's own conversion experience?
5. Review Philippians 3:1-11.
 - a) Paul says that he considers his past credentials to be rubbish. Why do you think he ended up with such a negative view of his past accomplishments?
 - b) Why do we tend to base our worth as Christians on our performance? Do you struggle with this?
 - c) What things did Paul gain after giving up his old way of life?
 - d) Now read Philippians 3:13. In what areas should we be exercising hindsight, and in what areas should we be "forgetting what is behind"?
6. Read Amos 8:11-12
 - a) What consequences do you think there are of a famine of the words of the Lord?
 - b) What can you do in 2021 to make sure there isn't this kind of famine in your own life?
7. Pray for each other and for the world for a great 2021. And wish each other a Happy New Year!