



Road Trip: Clear Vision | June 27, 2018

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

When it comes to summer road trips, the most important part is knowing where you're going.

Key Verses

Ephesians 1:11-18 (NIV)

"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you

believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."

Discussion

The process of vision boarding, both personal and professional, can be very exciting but also a little overwhelming. Questions like "Who do I want to be in 10 years?" and "What do I want my career to look like?" go above and beyond simple goal setting. It's bigger picture than aiming for specific targets and numbers; more like casting grander vision for yourself, your marriage/family, your company, etc. It seems so simple when you talk about it, but in actuality it can be pretty difficult when we do it for ourselves.

1. Have you ever gone through a vision boarding/casting exercise in your personal or professional life? Talk about the process, what you learned, and how it shaped the way you thought about your future.
2. Why do you think this process can be challenging? What about bigger vision is hard for us to grasp or wrap our brains around?

Vision boarding can be similar to using a GPS. When we use a GPS (either the one in our pocket or one attached to our dashboard), we need to know two things: where we're currently at as well as where we are going. Most of us don't think about where we're currently at because the GPS often grabs our current location. Similarly, when we consider our faith journey, it can be easy to skip over where we're at and jump immediately to where we are going. The cool thing about living with Jesus is that we get to use his voice as our GPS, helping us navigate from "here" to "there" and shaping our goals and vision to align with His along the way.

3. How would you describe "here" (where you're at now) as well as "there" (where you want to go) in your faith journey?
4. Do you feel as though Jesus is the voice of your GPS currently? Why or why not?

In Ephesians 1:11-18, we read that it's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for – where we are currently and where we are going. Long before we first heard of Jesus, he had his eye on us to help, guide and shape us. Jesus gets to be the voice of our GPS in this life, but we also get a say. Because God invited us to be co-authors in this life, we must choose to partner with Him in building a life that glorifies Him and makes use of the gifts He has given us.

5. How does Christ shape our description of "here" and "there?" How does being in a relationship with Him affect your journey and GPS?
6. What does being a "co-author" in this life mean to you? Why do you think we are invited to partner with Jesus and not simply follow blindly?

What's Next?

This week, take some time reflecting on your own life. Figure out what "here" is for you. Where are you at currently? And then ask yourself, "Where do I want to go?" Make sure to align the settings of your GPS to allow God into your journey. Reflect on what role He could play as you go from "here" to "there" and seek after your vision. Don't live your journey with any other voice other than Jesus as your guide.