



## **Don't Go with what it Looks Like**

### **Personal or group-based guide for additional study**

#### **Small Group Guide:**

**Don't go with what it looks like / It's not over until God says it's over**

#### **Opening Prayer**

**Key Scripture:** Isaiah 55:8-9, Romans 8:28

#### **Main Points:**

1. We need to see things from God's perspective, not just our human perspective.
2. Obey the voice of God, even when it doesn't make sense.
3. Believe God's promises to see His glory.
4. Our faith journey can be a witness to non-believers.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. The pastor mentions that human perspective is limited, while God's perspective is unlimited. Can you share an experience where your initial perspective on a situation changed once you sought God's perspective?
2. In the sermon, we hear about Martha's doubt when Jesus asked to remove the stone from Lazarus' tomb. Have you ever felt God asking you to do something that didn't make sense at the time? How did you respond?
3. The sermon emphasizes the importance of believing God's promises. What promises from God do you find most challenging to believe? Why?
4. How can we practically train ourselves to listen for God's voice in our daily lives?



5. The pastor describes Christians as "billboards" for Christ. What message do you think your life is currently displaying to others? Is there anything you'd like to change about that message?

6. Reflect on the statement: "God's purpose is more important than my pain." How does this challenge or encourage you in your current circumstances?

### **Key Takeaways:**

1. God's perspective is always clearer and more complete than our human perspective.
2. Obeying God's voice, even when it doesn't make sense, is a crucial part of faith.
3. Believing God's promises allows us to see His glory in our lives.
4. Our faith journey can be a powerful witness to non-believers.

### **Practical Applications:**

1. This week, when facing a challenging situation, pause and ask God for His perspective before reacting.
2. Practice listening to God's voice by setting aside quiet time each day for prayer and reflection.
3. Identify one promise from God that you struggle to believe. Commit to meditating on this promise and asking God to strengthen your faith in it.
4. Be mindful of your "billboard" this week. At the end of each day, reflect on whether your actions and attitudes pointed others to Christ.

### **Closing Prayer**