

## Seeking Accurate Headlines

Message from 2/9/25

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scriptures

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.*  
Colossians 3:1-3 NIV

*"We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."*

*"If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us."* Numbers 13:30; 14:8 NIV

*Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.*  
Philippians 1:12-14 NIV

*The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*  
Psalm 18:2 NIV

#### BIG IDEA:

In life, we might face bad situations but seeking God's perspective means resting secure.

1. Our life is secure in Jesus.
2. We can seek a more accurate headline.

**Start talking.** Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's a funny headline or social media post you've seen recently?

**Start thinking.** Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Which word or phrase from the Key Scriptures speaks to you most?

**Start sharing.** Ask these questions to create openness.

- Share about a situation in your life that is challenging (past or present). What's a negative headline you might have for it?
- Begin the process of developing a more accurate headline by thinking over the following questions:
  1. What might God be doing in this situation? (What's the Christ-perspective I can have for this situation?)
  2. What is the transformative/redemptive work can God do here?
  3. What can I do to help bring about good? (What actions can I take? How do I live out Christ in this situation?)

**Start doing.** Commit to a step that you will live out this week.

- With God's help, write a more accurate headline for a challenging situation in your life and share it with your small group via text/email, so that group members can pray that headline over you.
- Continue or start the Bible reading plan to help you set your mind on things above: <https://www.cc-sd.org/devotionals/>
- Consider how you could love others by serving at Sunday service or blessing a neighbor.

**Start praying.** Be bold and pray with power for each other.

*Almighty God, you are the all-powerful God who created the universe and you hold all things together. Give us a clearer understanding of your sovereignty, power, and goodness. Help us to humble ourselves before you and rest in your loving care, rather than in our own abilities. As we go throughout this week, give us eyes to see where you're at work and how you're working out good. And show us how we can be faithful in loving the people right in front of us. In Jesus' name, amen.*