STUDY GUIDE: "WHAT'S GOING ON?": "Perspective"

Discussion Starters

- 1. What is the most important way the world's perspective is different than God's?
- 2. Where do people get their perspectives?

Study:

3. Using an exhaustive concordance and/or topical Bible, discover everything you can about God's perspective on events in the Bible. Note the passages you found and what they taught you below.

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4. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Hebrew or Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

---"worry" (Matthew 13:22)— --"world" (Matthew 13:22)— --"world" (Matthew 13:38)— --"perishes" (John 6:27)— --"weak" (1 Corinthians 8:11)— --"ruined" (1 Corinthians 8:11)—

5. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

6. What exactly is the gospel?

Taking It Home

- 7. What is your default perspective (the one you operate from without thinking)?
- 8. If your perspective is not the same as God's, how do you change it?
- 9. How prepared are you to share the gospel? What do you need to be better prepared?