

SEE THE WORLD

PART 1: Invite an Interruption

INTRODUCTION

Family, friends, education, personal experience, politics, television, books, and the Internet—plenty of things influence how we see the world. But how does the way you see the world affect you? What if you're missing a bigger picture?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you go on vacation, do you prefer to take it easy or to be active and adventurous?
2. Talk about a person or group of people you've encountered who saw the world differently than you. Why do you think that person's or group's perspective was so different from your own?
3. *"We see the world not as it is, but as we are—or as we're conditioned to see it."* Do you agree with that statement? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever gotten a glimpse of the larger world that challenged your assumptions? If so, how did you respond?
5. Read Acts 9:1-9. ? Talk about a time when you changed your mind about some aspect of your faith. What caused you to change your mind? How difficult was it for you to change?
6. Which of your views may be holding you back? How can you invite God to interrupt the way you see the world? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

How you see the world affects everything you do. More important, how you see the world affects how you see God. Placing your assumptions and limited perspective on your heavenly Father makes him smaller and prevents you from seeing him as he is. Are you willing to change not just your view of God but your view of yourself in order to see God more accurately and connect with him more deeply?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2