



Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.

Message Info: Head On A Swivel, 9/04/22 - You have to keep your head on a swivel. Because the attacks can come from anywhere and when we aren't ready for them they sting so much more. It may be part of the reality we like to ignore but you and I have an enemy who only wants to swallow us up in despair, hopelessness, bitterness and pain. God's got a better plan. A plan that leads to restoration. Pay attention. Find your balance. Stay calm and steady and you will be ready. (Passages: 1 Peter 5:6-10; Matthew 4:1-14)

Discussion Questions: Take your time and dig into these questions.

Have you ever been surprised by something you were unprepared for? What happened? (Can you tell the story to the group?)

Read 1 Peter 5:8. This is the third time in this book that Peter warns his readers to be alert. What part of this verse gets your attention the most? Why?

The word for devour in the original language the New Testament was written in means to swallow up or drown. What are some things the enemy would love to see you swallowed up or drown in? (Make a list.)

Read Matthew 4:1-14. What sticks out to you from this passage? Why?

If the enemy was going to attack you with a "If only" statement, what would that statement be?

This message focused on part one of a two steps to make the devil choke. The three ideas are all taken from the greek word for "sober-minded". They are: pay attention, find your balance, and be calm and steady. Which one of those things do you struggle with the most? Why?

How can you work on one of those three areas this week? Anything in your life that needs to change to make that possible?

Group Challenge: Invite someone to church with you! You will be amazed at how many people would attend if just invited.