

What Matters Most! ...Matthew 6:19-24

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." ...Matthew 6:21 (ESV)

1. What Matters Most in Your Life?...

Scripture: **Matthew 6:19-21**

- Possessions-Based, or Self-Focused Mindset...
- Eternity-Based Mindset...

2. Clear Vision... *Having Accurate Self-Awareness!*

Scripture: **Matthew 6:22-23**

- *"There are three of you. There is the person you think you are. There is the person others think you are. There is the person God knows you are and can be through Christ." ~ Billy Graham*

3. The Importance of Being Decided... *The Insecurity of Being Unstable and Uncertain!*

Scripture: **Matthew 6:24**

- **"No One can serve two masters..." ...Matthew 6:24**
- The Effect of Compromise... **James 1:14-15**
- *"If Christ has died for me, ungodly as I am, without strength as I am, then I cannot live in sin any longer. I must arouse myself to love and serve Him who has redeemed me. I cannot trifle with the evil that killed my best Friend. I must be holy for His sake. How can I live in sin when He has died to save me from it?" ~ Charles Spurgeon*
- *"We are all missionaries. Wherever we go we either bring people nearer to Christ or we repel them from Christ." ~ Eric Liddell*

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*

2. We typically put most of our time, effort, attention, and resources into the things that are most important to us...

If you were to take a survey or evaluate where you place there largest portions of your *Time, Efforts, Resources, and Attention*, what would you discover regarding what appears to matter most in your life?

...*List them in the categories below and see how it looks:*

- Where do you typically place there largest portions of your **Free Time**? (...*you can list more than one thing*)
- Where do you typically place there largest portions of your **Efforts**? (...*you can list more than one thing*)
- Where do you typically place there largest portions of your **Attention**? (...*you can list more than one thing*)
- Where do you typically place there largest portions of your **Resources**? (...*you can list more than one thing*)

3. Considering your responses to the question above... Are there any areas of your life that need realignment or improvement? ...*explain, and be descriptive!*

4. READ *Luke 18:18-27* together... This story talks about the *Dependency* of Money and Possessions, and the effect it can have in our lives...it describes a *Mindset of Reliance, Identity, and Priorities* based on financial resources and possessions...

- What do you learn from this story?... *Talk about it.*

5. Is there anything from tonight's discussion that spoke to you personally? In what way(s) does it affect your life?
How will you directly and specifically apply it in your life today?

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)