

The Priority Paradox | Week 2

Introduction

Ask anybody how they are doing, and, most likely, their response will include some variation of, “I’m busy.” Everybody is running 100 miles per hour, but are they going anywhere? Do our lives reflect the invitation of Jesus in Matthew 11?

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” Matthew 11:28-29 (NIV)

Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

What is your ideal way to rest? Share a time when you spent some extended time alone with God. What was that like for you?

Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention from this weekend’s sermon?

[Watch the Video](#) (10 minutes)

Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to Colossians 3:3

Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. Where in your life have you aligned your priorities with God’s, and where have you missed the mark?
2. What is the most difficult thing for you when it comes to priorities?
3. Why do you think it matters to God that our priorities are aligned with Him? Read aloud: [Matthew 11:28-30](#), [Matthew 6:33](#), [Luke 12:34](#), [1 Timothy 3:5](#)
4. Share moments in your life when your priorities were not aligned as they should have been. How did that affect your life?
5. What do you believe your top three priorities should be?
6. Often, we give our leftover time to the most important things – What is one thing you can do this week to reverse that trend?

Prayer (5 minutes)

Close your group in prayer. Thank God that He cares so much for each of us that He wants us to prioritize Him in our lives.

Announcements (5 minutes)

- We have two more weeks of small group notes. We encourage groups to rest and enjoy social time together over the summer. Group notes will resume in mid-August.
- Does anyone in your group have kids going into Kindergarten through 12th grade in the fall? Do you know a family who does? This is a great time to invite them to Summer Camp. Find dates and registrations at camp.sv.cc.