

NEXT STEP QUESTIONS

1. Spend 7 minutes discussing this week's talk. What was the thing that resonated with you most?
2. Through your life, where are some of the places your values have come from? Where did they come from before you made the decision to follow Christ?
3. In our culture we often hear, "follow your heart." Why might this be poor advice? What can happen when we follow our hearts only? Read Jeremiah 17:9, Psalm 81:11-14, and Mark 7:21-23.
4. Read Psalm 1:1-4, 1 John 2:15-17, and Roman 12:2. Why shouldn't we look to the culture and the world to guide us in our choices? What does God want for us?
5. In what area(s) of your life do you default to "short-term thinking," instead of "long-term thinking?" How does culture influence your thinking? How do we shift from short-term thinking to long-term thinking?
6. What happens when God is at the center of our decisions? How can we be intentional in making sure that we are looking to God in our choices? Read Proverbs 3:5-12 in three different translations.

Action Step:

Start each day this week thinking about what Christ has done for you. Read Philippians 3:7-8. Focus on this in the choices that you make this week.



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Choices

"Wonderful!" his master replied. "You are a good and faithful servant. I left you in charge of only a little, but now I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share in my happiness!"

Matthew 25:21 CEV

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take oil with them; but the wise ones took oil in their flasks with their lamps..."

Matthew 25:1-13 CSB

"Everything is permissible but not everything is beneficial!"

1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV

Who I am, my legacy, is determined by what I do. What I do is determined by my choices. My choices are determined by my values.

Values are set by:

1. Who is in charge?

A. _____

The pride of your heart has deceived you.

Obadiah 3 NIV

Deceit = to mislead in the wrong direction

There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12 NIV

B. _____

Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

1 John 2:15-16 NLT

- i. Feeling Good (Physical Pleasure)
- ii. Having the Goods (Craving/Materialism)
- iii. Looking Good (Appearance/Pride)

C. _____

"If you continue in My word...you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free!"

John 8:31-32 NASB

What God says about the world's values:

a. _____

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

b. _____

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own...

1 Corinthians 6:19 NIV

...Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

Hebrews 11:25 KJV

c. _____

Jesus: *"Life is not measured by how much you own."*

Luke 12:15 NLT

2. Understanding what lasts forever.

One of great weaknesses of modern culture is

"When the foolish took their lamps, they didn't take oil with them."

Matthew 25:3 CSB

Our allegiance is to things that won't last!

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

1 John 2:17 NIV

Look further ahead than right now!

"The wise ones answered, 'No, there won't be enough for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some for yourselves. The foolish ones said to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are going out.'"

Matthew 25: 8-9 CSB

For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.

2 Corinthians 4:18 GNT

Make sure that no one commits sexual sin or is as concerned about earthly things as Esau was. He sold his rights as the firstborn son for a single meal.

Hebrews 12:16 GWT

"And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?"

Matthew 16:26 NLT

"What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Matthew 16:26 MSG

Jesus: *"The things that are considered of great value by people are worth nothing in God's sight."*

Luke 16:15 GNT

You cannot follow Jesus without a shift in your values. (The Bible calls this repentance).

I once thought all these things were so very important...

Philippians 3:7-8 NLT

Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38 NLT

Definition of legacy: _____

GREATEST WORDS YOU WILL EVER HEAR

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