



RESET - Your Priorities

Sermon-Based Discussion Prompts

Write your
observations
in the margin

Bible Text(s):

Read and observe what the texts says. Check the back for discussion prompts.

Luke 6:17-26 - NIV

"He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon,¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by impure spirits were cured,¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰Looking at his disciples, he said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

²³ "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. (Proverbs 4:23)

Jot down the
key takeaway

Your Time Together:

- Connect:** Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?
- Care:** Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?
- Challenge:** Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?
- Clarify:** Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?
- Celebrate:** Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

Discussion Prompts

Last week we talked about having our foundation set in Jesus Christ. This week Pastor Bill challenged us to think about our priorities, and at the core we learned that our priorities need to be in line with God's priorities.

RESETing our priorities requires us first to examine where our priorities are. Take an inventory of how you spend your time, what you spend your money on, and how your thought life is being used. There is nothing wrong with thinking about work or school, but in your off-time what do you occupy your thoughts with?

1. Just like writing a budget, make a list of how much **time** you spent in the last week with what. How many hours were used for what? (i.e. 8hours work, 1h. gym, ...)

2. Look at your **financial** budget. Where does your money go? Is a minimum of 10% dedicated for God? How did you set your priorities in your financial realm?

3. Now examine your **thought** life. How much time do you spend worrying instead of purposely trusting and praising God? How much do you talk to God? What fills your thoughts throughout the day?

(By the way, 10% of your "awake" time are around 1.5 hours. How do you spend this time?)

Pastor Bill challenged us to align our priorities with God's priorities. Recalling the sermon, what were the two key priorities Pastor Bill pointed out? Which other *godly priorities* are mentioned in Luke 6:17-26? (see Bible text above)

Having looked at your priorities and then at God's priorities, is there an area where you need to make some adjustments? Invest in marginalized people? Spend more time sharing God's love and grace? Giving more to people in need?
(Share your thoughts with your group and then hold each other accountable)

Pastor Bill wrapped his sermon up by reminding us that we need to guard our heart. Our heart is so easily corrupted and distracted. I want to encourage you to read and pray Psalm 139:23-24. May God bless and guide you as you reset your priorities.

Use this
for additional
thoughts