

COLD SPRINGS CHURCH

“Doing Life Well. Together.”

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**This Week: “From Distraction to Priorities”
(Matthew 16:21-28)**

ONE THING STUDY

1. Read one of the above key passages.
2. Pick One Thing (a word or phrase) that stands out to you.
3. Talk about it with someone in your life and/or your group.

CHECK-IN (where do you rank 1 thru 5 for one or more of the below areas?)

1. **How is your *Being*?** (1- My soul is overflowing... 5- I am dry)

How well are you living as the Beloved of God?

What is the state of your soul? How are you and Jesus doing?

2. **How is your *Thinking*?** (1- I have focus... 5- I am distracted)

How aware are you of your internal narrative? How well are you taking your thoughts captive in obedience to Christ? How much is your mind at rest?

3. **How is your *Feeling*?** (1- I am aware... 5- I am in the dark)

How in tune are you to your heart?

How aware are you of what you are feeling about yourself and others?

4. **How is your *Doing*?** (1- I am acting intentionally... 5- I am frantic or passive)

How aware are you of what you are doing and why you are doing it? How much are your actions moving you toward purpose? How much are your actions self-medicating to distract or dull yourself from reality?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What stood out to you from this week’s sermon? Share it with someone!
2. How are your values (what’s most important to you) shaped by the Gospel? (God’s love and grace, Jesus’ mission, Biblical principles)?
3. Where do you see the fruit of your expectations for how you invest your time and energy? What do you want to keep/change/adjust?
4. All of life is our faith life. We live out his mission wherever we are. Where will you further invite Jesus into your life?

PRAYER Colossians 4:2

Pray together, including needs discussed in your group time.

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Beyond Survival - From Distracted to Priorities (Time)

March 12, 2023 / Matthew 16:21-28

Question: How do we move from being distracted to living out God's priorities?

Know God's Priorities

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

- His Story
- My Story
- Our Story

Love God's Priorities

22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." 23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

- God's Got This?
- Faith & Confidence
- Mind-Heart-Life
- The Small Problem

Live God's Priorities

24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

- Defining the cross: His & mine
- His Pleasure is My Treasure
- Do it for the reward?