

- A Question we need to address:
- Are you <u>willing</u> to go "There"?

We need know our <u>current</u> condition.

Assessing our relationship with God:

15 $\,$ "I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other!

16 But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! Revelation 3:15-16 (NLT)

Hot = I'm <u>growing</u>.

Cold = I'm <u>disconnected</u>.

Lukewarm = I'm <u>drifting</u>.

1 So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it. Hebrews 2:1 (NLT)

Understanding God's goal:

God created you for <u>relationship</u> with <u>Himself</u>.

29 For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers.

30 And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us "not guilty," filled us with Christ's goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory. Romans 8:29-30 (TLB)

God wants you to be <u>completely</u> <u>His</u>.

15 So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision—you'll see it yet! Philippians 3:15 (MSG)

Why prioritize our spiritual life:

- Our <u>current</u> condition is not the <u>goal</u>.
- Our lives are designed for <u>God's plan</u>.

16 For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. Colossians 1:16 (MSG)

Our lives are <u>significant</u>.

Our lives are designed to <u>look</u> like <u>Jesus</u>.

29 For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son... Romans 8:29 (TLB)

Prioritizing your spiritual life:

I make God my <u>daily</u> priority.

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your

mind and with all your strength.' Mark 12:30 (NIV)

I focus my <u>love</u> on <u>others</u>.

35 This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:35 (MSG)

30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.... Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

35 This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:35 (MSG)

6 ... What is important is faith expressing itself in love. Galatians 5:6 (NLT)

I <u>serve</u> <u>others</u> faithfully.

'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40 (MSG)

I live in <u>community</u>.

46 The believers had a single purpose and went to the temple every day. They were joyful and humble as they ate at each other's homes and shared their food. 47 At the same time, they praised God and had the good will of all the people. Every day the Lord saved people, and they were added to the group. Acts 2:46-47 (GW)

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)-464-5754

<u>Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:</u> These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- · What some most to you from the talk?
- · How do you make your relationship with God a priority?
- Do you think that our current condition is the goal for our spiritual lives? Explain why or why not. What does the goal look like?
- What are some ways we can make God our daily priority?
- How is loving others an expression of our spiritual lives?
- Is your love focused on other, or yourself?
- How does serving others help us spiritually grow? How do you serve others? Do you give enough time to serving others?
- How does living in community help us spiritually? Community includes Connection Groups, what are some other ways we live in community with God's people?

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