

Servants' Quarters Fellowship
Individual or Small Group Home Worship
20200531 Service
202022 Week

Put Away all Distractions (TV, Cell Phone, etc)

Theme-

"Prioritizing Our Priorities"

Call to Worship (read or sing) "***Seek Ye First***"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness And all these things Shall be added unto you Allelu alleluia

Prayer of Worship (read out loud)

Lord, May we allow You to help us keep first things first that we might impact the world.
Amen

Blessings Review (Sharing ((listing)) how the Heavenly Father has blessed you this past week)

Sharing a Scripture that Touched you this Past Week

Sharing Any Concerns You Have

Questions that Need a "Yes" Answer

In the past week . . .

Have you treated those you've encountered with the respect Christ would give?
Have your financial dealings been full of kingdom integrity?
Has there been purity in the things you've read and the things you've watched?
Have you had daily injections of God's word into your character?
Have you encouraged your spouse?
Have you encouraged your children?
Have you honored your parents?
Have you encouraged others to spiritual maturity?
Are you at peace with God?

Prayer of Confession and Thanksgiving

Lord, I know You have blessed me. Please make me clean and allow me to see those blessings and be thankful. Amen

Giving to Local and International Ministry

(Prepare your offering for Mailing ((SQF, 1429 Sabal Palm Dr., Edgewater, FL 32132) or Online Giving at SQF.ORG or the "Givelify" phone app.)

Question of the Day

How do we make sure our priorities are right in the Lord's eyes?

Scripture of the Old Testament (read out loud)

Deut 6:5

5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. NIV

Scripture of the New Testament (read out loud)

Matt 6:33

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness NIV

TEACHING OF THE DAY-

INTRODUCTION

Problems (like. . . terrorist activities/ natural disasters/ illnesses/ accidents) prioritize priorities. (Problems cause us to see what is really important)

In culture the changes only last a little while

In the Kingdom of God they are permanent

Let's look at Kingdom priorities.

MD1- THE PRIORITY OF REVERENCE

Mt 22:37-40

37 Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the **first** and greatest commandment.

Meaning in life starts with this reverence

this is the accepting of Christ as Lord and Savior

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD2- THE PRIORITY OF REGENERATION

REGENERATION

The spiritual change brought about in a person's life by an act of God. In regeneration a person's sinful nature is changed, and he is enabled to respond to God in faith.

Mt 23:25-26

25 "Woe to you, teachers of the (PERVERTED) law and (SELFISH) Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee! **First** clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

those whose priority is to love the Lord their God

Allow his Holy Spirit to scrub them from the inside out

Not just once. . . But over and over again

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD3- THE PRIORITY OF REFLECTION

Mt 7:4-5

5 You hypocrite, **first** take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

We need to begin to recognize our own selfishness

examining yourself before you critique others

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD4- THE PRIORITY OF **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

Mt 6:32-33

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, . . .

We must seek to duplicate Kingdom character in culture

Simply put. . . to live in righteousness. . . in the Lord's character

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD5- THE PRIORITY OF **RANSOM**

Mt 20:27-28

27 and whoever wants to be **first** must be your slave- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a **ransom** for many."

Jesus laid down his life for the righteous and the unrighteous

His example and the love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit
Should move us to do the same

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD6- THE PRIORITY OF **RELATIONSHIPS**

Mt 5:23-24

24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. **First** go and be **reconciled** to your brother; then come and offer your gift.

One of the hardest balances in our culture

One of the hardest acts of the Kingdom

Is to stay reconciled with those around us

This involves the spiritual concept of forgiveness
Not carrying a grudge
Sacrificing our pride
That others might see the kingdom in us

Matt 6:14-15

14 For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. NIV

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD7- THE PRIORITY OF REST

"rest" is another word for "peace"

Lk 10:5

5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

In the sermon on the mount

Matt 5:9 NIV

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Matt 5:9 MESSAGE

9 "You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

Matt 5:9 NCV

9 Those who work to bring peace are happy, because God will call them his children.

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD8- THE PRIORITY OF REASON

Lk 14:28-30

28 "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not **first** sit down and estimate the cost to **see if** he has enough money to complete it? 29 For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'

it is important for culture to see kingdom people as good stewards
Managing the resources of the Lord responsibly

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

MD9- THE PRIORITY OF REMEMBERING

THE LORD'S SUPPER

1 Cor 11:23-29

23 For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread,

24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

25 In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

26 For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

27 Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

28 A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

29 For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

QUESTION-

How are you doing?

CONCLUSION-

ILLUSTRATION-

In recent years a head coach divorced his wife of 26 years when he left coaching a college team to become head coach in the National Football League. He said he needed a wife while coaching on the college level for social functions and to show families that he would be looking out for their sons. In pro football, however, she was an unnecessary accouterment and a distraction to winning. He said winning football was his number one priority and his two sons second. How tragic!

In contrast to this, Tom Landry, former coach of the Dallas cowboys said, "The thrill of knowing Jesus is the greatest thing that ever happened to me ... I think God has put me in a very special place, and He expects me to use it to His glory in everything I do ... whether coaching football or talking to the press, I'm always a Christian ... Christ is first, family second and football third."

Source Unknown.

ASSIGNMENT

John 20:21

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Make two or more phone calls/ texts/ emails/ cards/ letters a day
 one SQF attender
 one non-Church person
 come up with creative ideas to encourage the lonely

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