

## Life Group Homework

For the week of January 29, 2017

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### QUICK REVIEW

- 1) Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention?

### MY STORY

- 2) What are you hoping to get from this series?
- 3) Was there anything from the last two weeks of this series that challenged your way of thinking?

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) Over the last two weeks Pastor Craig has been speaking about the idea of "vision clarity for our own lives". What does he mean by this phrase, and why is it important?
- 5) Here at Bayside of Citrus Heights, the leadership uses something we call the *Game Plan* for vision clarity. In the *Game Plan*, we as a leadership team define a clear vision for us to become the men and women God has called us to be. The statement below is foundational and worth unpacking.
  - a. We are Biblically-Based. What does "Biblically-Based" mean in this context, and how does it apply to a personal vision for your life?
- 6) What does the phrase "worldview" mean?
- 7) What are some of the ways we develop a worldview?
- 8) If we are seeking vision clarity for our life, where does the foundation need to come from, and what questions do I need to ask to determine what lens I am looking through?

Matthew 6:1-13 (NLT)

"Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in

heaven. <sup>2</sup>When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. <sup>3</sup>But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. <sup>4</sup>Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

### *Teaching about Prayer and Fasting*

<sup>5</sup>"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

<sup>7</sup>"When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. <sup>8</sup>Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! <sup>9</sup>Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,

may your name be kept holy.

<sup>10</sup>May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us today the food we need,

<sup>12</sup>and forgive us our sins,

as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

<sup>13</sup>And don't let us yield to temptation,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

- 9) In Verses 1-6, Jesus is challenging the comfort level of His listeners by speaking about the motives of the heart while taking actions. What are some of the attitudes Jesus is challenging?
- 10) How can these attitudes be found in our own lives?
- 11) How can these attitudes be found in our own lives?
- 12) What is false humility, and how do Christians confuse the two?

## TAKING IT HOME

- 13) What step do you personally need to take to develop a clear vision for your life and attain "the rare air of clarity?"
- 14) Who can you get to help you accomplish this goal?

In the next section titled *Chair Time Tools*, we have put together some questions for you to sit and pray about during your Chair Time. These are intended to help you develop a clear vision for your life. Take time this week to pray and work through the questions in *Chair Time Tools* because we will be referring to them next week.

## CHAIR TIME TOOL

Over the next seven weeks of this study, our goal in the *Chair Time Tools* is to help you prayerfully consider God's vision for your life and by the end write a vision statement for your life.

- 15) Read Psalm 119 and count how many times it mentions the Word of God. Why is this important?
- 16) What should be the basis for our vision statement? (Hint: you just counted it in Psalm 119.)
- Writing a vision statement for your life must have a foundation. Much like a house we need a foundation to then build the framework. If we are building on anything other than the Bible we are on shaky ground.
- 17) This week read Matthew 7:24-27 and consider Jesus' words.

## Too Comfortable?

### *When my comfort conflicts with God's challenges*

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**Too Comfortable? Choose to live a God-centered life.**

Parable of the Sower and the Seed (Luke 8:4-15)

Joshua 1:8-9

Psalm 139:6-12

"At any moment and in any circumstance, the soul that seeks God may find Him, and practice the presence of God." (Brother Lawrence)

James 4:8

Renews your Confidence

Psalm 34:4

Renews your Perspective

Psalm 73:16-17

"When we work, we work. When we pray, God works." (Hudson Taylor)

Restores your Joy

Nehemiah 8:10

Psalm 16:11

Bayside Prayer Card