



# SESSION #2 RECOGNIZING WHAT IS IMPORTANT

Adult Midweek Bible Study - **Buhler Mennonite Church** - 11 September 2024

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**A. Checking In:** Last week we looked at four ways to defeat naysayers in your life.  
*How was the lesson helpful to you this week?*

*"Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is beneficial.*

I CORINTHIANS 6:12 (BSB)

**Every single time you make a decision, you're basing it on unspoken values.**

My values affect my stress, my success, & my salvation.

## **B. Four Questions That Will Determine Your Values & Your Destiny**

**1. Who is going to be \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **WHERE DO I GET MY VALUES** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*The human mind is the most deceitful of all things.  
It is incurable. No one can understand how deceitful it really is.*

JEREMIAH 17:9 (GW)

- **DECEITFUL** (from Webster's): to mislead in the wrong direction.
- My perceptions say more about \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_ .

*There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.*

PROVERBS 16:25 (WEB)

\_\_\_\_\_ **WHERE DO I GET MY VALUES** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Don't love the world and what it offers. Those who love the world don't have the Father's love in them. Not everything that the world offers--physical gratification, greed, and extravagant lifestyles--comes from the Father. It comes from the World. -1 John 2:15-16 (GW)*

----- **WHERE DO I GET MY VALUES** -----

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*If you continue in My word ... Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

JOHN 8:31-32 (BSB)

**2. What is going to \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- We don't change when we see the light, we change when we feel the heat.

*The world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God remains forever.*

1 JOHN 2:17 (BSB)

- Temptation is always a dilemma between now or later.

*For we fix our attention, not on things that are seen, but on things that are unseen. What can be seen lasts only for a time, but what cannot be seen lasts forever.*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 (GNT)

**3. Will I choose what's \_\_\_\_\_ or what's \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

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- Will I live what I claim to believe?

**4. Is it worth \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- Anytime you say "yes" to something, then you're saying "no" to something else.

*"What profit is there if you gain the whole world--and lose eternal life?  
What can be compared with the value of eternal life."*

MATTHEW 16:26 (TLB)

*"What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose  
yourself?  
What could you ever trade for your soul?"*

MATTHEW 16:26 (MSG)

*Jesus said, ... "The things that are considered great value by people are worth nothing in  
God's sight."*

LUKE 16:15 (GNT)

*Jesus said, ... "Many people who seem to be important now will be the least important  
then ..."*

MARK 10:31 (TLB)

- Every temptation is always a choice between God or me.

*I once thought all these things were so very important, but now I consider them  
worthless because of what Christ has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when  
compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded  
everything else, counting it all as garbage,  
so that I may have Christ. - PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8 (NLT)*

- Success is living by the values that God will reward someday.

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## **DISCOVERY QUESTIONS**

1. This week's session is based around God's values. *Share with your group the value that has had the greatest impact on your spiritual life.*

2. Which world value do you struggle with the most? *What have you learned in this lesson that will help you turn things around?*

3. Can you think of a time you chose what was easy versus what was best?  
*What was the cost of that decision, and how did it change the way you handled future choices?*

## **PRAYER DIRECTION**

Ask God to give you the wisdom to embrace His values, so your decisions are reflection of His Word. Ask God to reveal any area of your life where you are not aligned with His values.

Pray for clarity and conviction so you can live what you believe. Ask God to give you courage to say yes to only the best, and let go of the rest.

Ask God to guide and empower you as you encounter temptations this week.