Life Teams Lesson – Week of Sept 22

To prepare for this week’s meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

**getting to know you**

* Have you ever cheated? On what?
* How did you make it up - if you did?
* What do you consider the most important things in your life? Why?
* Who do you consider the most important people in your life? Why?
* Have you been let down my someone you love? What happened?
* Have you ever let down someone you love? How?
* What is the difference between things that demand and devour our attention?
* What are some things that demand our attention?
* What are some things that devour our time and attention?
* What are the things in your life that pull at you for attention?

**we are designed to connect - with people**

**Genesis 2:15-22**

* **What that verse tell us about relationship with people?**

**Adam was created to be connected - to be present with another. He was not created to pursue goals, success, fame, fortune, things... but relationships.**

**CHOOSING TO CHEAT**

* This past weekend Pastor Ted talked about the areas of our life that are biblically important. Priorities in life that need to define and shape our decisions and schedule. Do you remember what they were?
  + Godly priority 1 - **Your walk with God** (nurture and pursue it)
  + Godly priority 2 - **Spouse** (parents if not married)
  + Godly priority 3 - **Kids**
  + Godly priority 4 - **Kingdom of God** (purpose in life - tell the world)
  + Godly priority 5 - **Everything Else**
* Do you agree with them? Why or why not?
* Where do you think work or school fits in?
* Where does church fit into this?
* Do you ever find it hard to keep the important things important? Why or why not?
* What are the areas you tend to cheat?

**DIGGIN IN**

* What do the following verses tell us about what's important?

**Matthew 6:24, 31-34, Luke 10:25-28, Genesis 2:24, Joshua 24:15, Exodus 20:3,**

**Proverbs 21:21, 1 Timothy 5:8, Mark 8:36-37, Micah 6:8**

**An essential to keeping the main things the main thing, is to be intentional and cheat on the right things. To establish godly priorities and to allow that to shape your decisions**.

* How can we choose to cheat the right things? What does that look like?

**Ever Notice How –**

1. **We over exaggerate the past -** our failures and our successes
   * + Examples?
2. **we over estimate tomorrow -** things will get better / I'll do it tomorrow / things will be horrible / things can't wait
   * + Examples?
3. **But, we underrate today -** its potential / it's value... / we often neglect the important and present things in life
   * + Examples?

**Here is a verse to help us trust God in this area**

**Proverbs 3:5-7**

**Trusting God and choosing to quit cheating the important - you will see God redeem your time and your relationships**

**TAKING IT HOME**

* **Are you committed to things and people that God didn't call you to?**
* **Are you absent at home? With family? With friends?**
* **What areas are you going to start cheating? why?**

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