

Home Group Notes

Road Trip week 4- Prioritize Priorities

YOU'RE INVITED! Tuesday evening is the Home Group Leaders "End of the Year" Celebration! Join us for an ice-cream sundae, **7:00-8:30 pm**, at the home of **Stan & Esther Shu: 202 Campbell Ave, Redlands**

Happy Mother's Day

God's created moms to model His love for us. Moms are God's ambassadors, revealing his kindness and nurture. They give themselves away so that we might have joy in life. While moms can be wonderful, their love is never enough. Fullness of happiness can only be found in God's love, joy, and favor. That's why he made all of us to be his ambassadors. Every day we can point to the Lord Jesus with our acts of love and words of encouragement. At home and as we step out our doors, we can trust God to give us opportunity to show His love and share His invitation to know Him as Father God.

I will be on R & R from May 18- June 29. This will be my last note to you this semester. I will be stepping back from some of my daily activities for the purposes of rest and refreshment. It is my hope to have focused study on a discipleship path and listening to the voice of God.

Please hear from my heart that I delight in our love and teamwork together. I feel His presence all the more when I am with you. I am already celebrating that we will be together forever.
Steve

SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS IN OUR TRINITY FAMILY

- People suffering from cancer: Mike Lawrence, Kristy Garland, Gayle Linn, Jeannie Baker, Barbara Slayback
- People suffering from injury: Ken Weaver (electrocution), Pat Derksen (injured in fall)
- For Pastor Todd as he continues with "Mission Cast"
- IFC gathering on Friday (final for year)

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Share it: What did your family of origin value as a priority? How has this affected your life?

NOTES TO LEADERS: Be sure to let people share and enter in to the subject of priorities.

Study the Bible

Matthew 22:36-40

NOTES TO LEADERS: Repeat of previous week. This verse lays out the infrastructure for all of our priorities. However, it does not say what this looks like day to day.

Philippians 3:7-11

NOTES TO LEADERS: Paul's desire was to lay aside the past values and press on toward what is most important = knowing, loving, and following Jesus Christ. We often gloss over this by thinking, 'Well, he was an apostle.' But in truth, we are all called and sent. Should we be different?

1 John 4:7-12

NOTES TO LEADERS: Throughout the Bible, to love one another is to love God. This passage should remind us that we need to be keeping love for one another as a high priority. How we do this should be a topic of discussion below.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Acts 20:24

NOTES TO LEADERS: As God's ambassadors who have received new life from Him, it should be a daily priority to be intentional about influencing the people in our world. i.e. to point them to Jesus through our actions and words.

1 Peter 4:7-10

NOTES TO LEADERS: Again, Peter tells us to be fervent in our prayers and love for one another.

Matthew 20:24-28

NOTES TO LEADERS:

Discuss Together

How do the people in our lives, including family, know our priorities?

NOTES TO LEADERS: It is helpful to ask these questions. What others observe is revealing.

What would your personal actions say that you strategically value? Is there something that you would like to add or subtract from your present priorities?

NOTES TO LEADERS: This questions invites us to re-evaluate our priorities. (BTW: They say that we can learn much about us by looking at three things: Our schedule, our checkbook, and our relationships.)

What do you hope that your children, grandchildren, or friends will prioritize? How can we shape their lives?

NOTES TO LEADERS: This question again helps us re-evaluate. The goal is to help us be purposeful.

How do we guard our hearts to have the right priorities? (Proverbs 4:23)

NOTES TO LEADERS: As Americans living in affluent society, we have multiple options, attractions, and distractions. Psalms tells us to treasure God's words and Proverbs tells us to pursue wisdom to make right decisions

May God's Spirit empower and encourage you as you shepherd His people.

Steve