

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Our priorities can get disordered and distorted. When we put Jesus at the center, we find that He takes care of our temporary worries so that we can devote our attention to His eternal Kingdom.

Imagine that you were a contestant on Mr. Beast's show. What would you put in your red circle? What kind of items would you prioritize? What does this reveal about the kind of things that you value?

Read Matthew 6:19-33. What does Jesus say here about the kinds of things that we ought to value? What are some of the distractions that get our priorities out of order? How do you see this in your own life? What are some things you are tempted to put in your circle that distract you from the Kingdom?

When David Livingstone died, the natives he ministered to said, "His body belongs in England, but his heart belongs in Africa." Where does your heart belong? If you were to ask your friends and family, where would they lobby for your heart to be buried? Why?

Think of a time when you took a spiritual risk. What led you to that moment? What was that like and how did God lead you through that experience? When is the last time you took a risk like that? What's one spiritual risk (big or small!) that you can take this week (i.e., sharing your faith or inviting a coworker to church)? How can your group encourage/challenge each other to take risks like these more often?

As Dave said, recent research has suggested that we touch our smartphones over 2,500 times a day! How does this reveal a misalignment of our priorities? How can we combat this level of distractedness? What are some ways we can reclaim that time and use it to pursue God instead?

Read Luke 12:15. What does the strength of Jesus' warning here ("Watch out!") tell us about the dangers of putting money and possessions first in our lives? Why do you think this is so dangerous? What are some practical ways to identify the priorities in your life? What steps do we need to take when we see those priorities get out of alignment?