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Lesson 10, Part 1

Priorities of the Local Church

A. What are core values?

Core values are sacred, _____ and _____ beliefs that drive a ministry.

B. What are secondary values?

Secondary values are less important and are _____ and _____.

Church A



Church B



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Observations

Both believe the same things. They both love God and man.

But they are two different churches.

Church A - _____

This church makes people their priority while God comes second.

Church B - _____

This church makes God their priority while man comes second.

Two questions:

1. Which church is most pleasing to God?

Church _____

2. Which church do you believe is most attractive to the largest percentage of people?

Church _____

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C. Why are values important?

1. Values _____ what is important.

2. Values _____ us in a changing culture.

3. Values help develop _____ and direction.

4. Values keep us from creating _____.

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5. Values allow _____ without compromise.

6. Values help _____ ministry success.

D. Where do we get our values?

Acts 2:42-47 ⁴²They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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Seven priorities that should drive all ministries.

1. A commitment to the _____ of God.

⁴²They were **continually devoting** themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

“continually devoting” [proskartereo]

The miracle of these passages is not what they did but WHY they did what they did.

Acts 2:41 So then, those who had **received his word** were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

The first church gave themselves fully, completely, and without compromise to the things of God because they experienced the power of the gospel.

**A. church that is truly saved will be _____
to magnify God's name.**

The clearest and most blunt passage on God's glory.

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Isaiah 48:9–11 “For the sake of My name I delay My wrath, And for My praise I restrain it for you, In order not to cut you off. 10 “Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. 11 “For My own sake, for My own sake, I will act; For how can My name be profaned? And My glory I will not give to another.

1. God instructs us to do everything for his glory:

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2. God chose His people for His own glory.

Ephesians 1:4–6 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love 5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:11–14 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation— having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.

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3. God created us for His glory

Isaiah 43:6–7 “I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring My sons from afar And My daughters from the ends of the earth, 7 Everyone who is called by My name, And whom I have created for My glory, Whom I have formed, even whom I have made.”

4. God called Israel for His glory

Jeremiah 13:11 ‘For as the waistband clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole household of Israel and the whole household of Judah cling to Me,’ declares the Lord, ‘that they might be for Me a people, for renown, for praise and for glory; but they did not listen.’

5. God raised Pharaoh up to show his power and glorify his name:

Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.”

6. Jesus sought the glory of his Father in all he did:

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John 7:18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

7. Jesus told us to do good works so that God gets glory:

Matthew 5:16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

8. Jesus warned that not seeking God's glory makes faith impossible:

John 5:44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?

9. Jesus said that he answers prayer that God would be glorified:

John 14:13 Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

10. God forgives our sins for his own sake:

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Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

11. God tells us to serve in a way that will glorify him:

1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12. Mankind is under judgment for dishonoring God’s glory:

Romans 1:22–23 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

13. Jesus’ ultimate aim for us is that we see and enjoy his glory:

John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

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14. Even in wrath God's aim is to make known the wealth of his glory:

Romans 9:22–23 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? 23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,

ANSWERS: unchanging, non-negotiable, flexible, negotiable, Man-centered, God-centered, B, A, clarify, anchor, unity, sacred mountains, creativity, measure, glory, motivated