



Message Discussion Guide Week of January 22, 2023

Message: Reset, Part 3: Resetting Priorities

Key Scripture: [Matthew 11:25-30](#)

Preacher: Tom Parkinson

Message Highlights:

Many of us have felt frustrated, discouraged, and overwhelmed. Often, the root of these feelings is misplaced priorities.

- We allow secondary issues to drain our time and energy and rob us of joy.
- We get consumed by “first world problems.”

A great question to ask when we are burdened by something is, “will this matter five years from now?” If yes, it is a priority. If not, then it is a secondary matter.

The key to setting our priorities is to ask what’s most important in God’s eyes. Jesus and Paul both had one priority – to accomplish God’s purpose for their lives. Every decision, every word, every choice they made was to please the Father.

To reset our priorities, we first need to adopt God’s agenda for our lives.

- God’s primary agenda for us is that we would come to Jesus.
- Jesus holds the whole world in his hands, and when we take on his yoke and learn from him he can guide us through all things.

Jesus doesn’t promise us an easy life. We will have things to plow through. But when we are yoked with Jesus, everything falls into perspective and secondary problems do not steal our joy.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Tom shared that many times the source of discouragement, anxiety, frustration, and overwhelm is misplaced priorities. Do you agree with this? Have you ever allowed secondary issues to become primary issues? Have you ever allowed first world problems to rob you of your joy? Why does this happen?
2. Read [Luke 2:49](#), [John 17:4](#), [Acts 20:24](#), and [2 Timothy 4:7](#):

- a. How do Jesus and Paul demonstrate prioritizing God in their lives?
 - b. How does putting God first impact the way Jesus and Paul lived their lives? How did it impact their decisions, thinking, speaking, and actions?
3. Pastor Tom said that in order to reset our priorities we need to adopt God's agenda. What is God's agenda for your life? What would it look like to make this agenda your priority?
4. Read Matthew [11:25-30](#):
 - a. What does it mean that "all things" have been committed to Jesus?
 - b. What is the "rest" that Jesus promises to provide?
 - c. What is a yoke? What does it mean to take on the yoke of Jesus?
 - d. How can you respond to this invitation?
5. What is one thing you can do this week to make your relationship with Jesus a higher priority in your life?

Abundant Life Tip: Discouragement, frustration, and anxiety can often be rooted in misplaced priorities. To avoid secondary issues stealing your joy ask, "will this matter five years from now?" Proper perspective is key to prioritization.