



TITLE: “Decluttering Your Priorities”

OPENING QUESTION: *What is one item in your house, closet, or car that you know you need to throw away or declutter, but you just can't bring yourself to get rid of?*

1: Establish Jesus as the center of your life.

2: 5 Questions that expose the clutter (that keeps Jesus from being the center of your priorities)

QUESTION 1: What might be keeping you from believing in Jesus?

John 14:6 (NLT) Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.”

GROUP QUESTION: *“In what practical ways do we often confuse placing Jesus at the top of a 'to-do list' with making Him the true center of our daily lives?”*

QUESTION 2: What might be holding you back from full surrender to His will?

Philippians 3:7-8 (NLT) I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. 8 Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.

GROUP QUESTION: *“What are some subtle or 'good' things in our culture that tend to hold us back from full surrender to Christ's will?”*

QUESTION 3: What might be distracting you from taking the next step?

Colossians 3:1–4 (NLT) 1 Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. 2 Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. 3 For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

GROUP QUESTION: *“When Colossians 3 talks about setting our sights on heavenly realities, what daily distractions make that most challenging for us?”*

QUESTION 4: Will you keep following Jesus when following gets tough?

John 6:66–69 (NLT) 66 At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. 67 Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” 68 Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. 69 We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.”

Large Group Discussion Question 4: *“How can we as a group support and encourage one another when following Jesus becomes difficult or uncomfortable?”*

QUESTION 5: Who gets to determine the priorities of my life?

Psalms 37:4 (NLT) Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you your heart’s desires. **Mark 8:36–37 (NLT)** 36 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? 37 Is anything worth more than your soul? **MAIN POINT 3:** Jesus doesn’t ask for the top spot on your list. He asks for the center of your life. Become so centered on Jesus that every other priority finds its proper place.

GROUP QUESTION: *“How can we practically evaluate whether our schedule, budget, and daily choices reflect God’s priorities or our own?”*

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

QUESTION: What is one specific piece of 'clutter' in your schedule or mindset this week that you need to hand over to Jesus?

QUESTION: What practical action will you take this week to keep Jesus at the center of your daily choices rather than just at the top of a checklist?

QUESTION: How can our group support and hold you accountable as you seek to align your priorities with God's will this coming month?