Session 4: What Matters Most

GOALS

Main Idea: Your relationship with God's truth and His Word determines the quality of your spiritual growth and your kingdom impact.

Head Change: To persevere in studying God's Word so you can experience spiritual growth, have kingdom impact, and lead a more fulfilling journey of faith.

Heart Change: To cultivate an enduring love for God's Word that transforms your character, strengthens your faith, and produces fruit for the benefit of others.

Life Change: To be rooted in actively living out God's truth, leading to a transformed character, visible spiritual fruit, and a kingdom-focused impact on others.

OPEN

Choose one of the following questions to begin your discussion:

If you were taking a flight and money wasn't an issue, would you choose coach or first class? How does that choice reflect your approach to spiritual growth?

What is one truth from God's Word that has deeply impacted your life? How has this truth shaped the way you navigate challenges?

WATCH

Watch session 4: “What Matters Most” (18 minutes).

I. All believers are heading to the same destination, but their experience in getting there depends on their relationship with God’s truth.
II. Truth is God’s absolute standard. It is not influenced by emotions or culture, and it is essential for experiencing God’s kingdom power.
III. A believer’s spiritual growth is determined by four responses to God’s Word: rejection, shallow faith, worldly distractions, and fruitful perseverance.
IV. True spiritual fruit in a believer’s life reflects Jesus’ character, is visible to others, and benefits those individuals.
V. Embracing and acting on God’s Word leads to a fulfilling, impactful, and kingdom-centered life.

DISCUSS

Discuss what you just watched by answering the following questions.

1. Think about the analogy of flying coach versus first class. How does this illustrate the different ways that believers in Christ "make their trip to glory"?
2. Read John 18:36–38. What does Jesus' response to Pilate reveal about the nature of His kingdom and truth?
3. Reflect on Luke 8:11–15. Which type of soil best represents your current response to God's Word? What steps can you take to cultivate "good soil" in your heart?
4. Read Hebrews 12:25–28. How has God used disturbances in your life to refocus you on His unshakable kingdom and His truth?
5. What are some "isms" or philosophies in today's world that challenge God's truth? How do you stay grounded in God's Word in the midst of these influences?

REFLECT

Complete the following activities before watching the next session.

Read: Read Luke 8:16–18. What does this passage say about sharing the "light" of Christ? What is your responsibility when it comes to living out His truth?

Write: Think about a person you know who represents one of the three types of soil in Luke 8:11–14. Write out what strategies might be effective in reaching that person with God's truth.

Pray: Ask the Lord to help you be "a lamp on a stand"—a person who knows God's truth and is willing to live it out before others in all circumstances.