

DISCUSSION GUIDE

“Make It Matter” Week 3 | Jeremy Foster

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

-Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

GIVE TO SOMETHING THAT WILL OUTLIVE ME.

LIVE SO MY LIFE OUTLIVES ME.

OUR CHURCH CAN NEVER DO ALL THAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO WITHOUT YOU.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

-Matthew 5:14 (NRSV)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

-Matthew 5:16 (NRSV)

For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord, ‘every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.’" So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

-Romans 14:10-12 (NIV)

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-Matthew 25:41 (NIV)

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-Romans 10:9 (NKJV)

“Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will go to heaven.”

-Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH MY SON JESUS?

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH WHAT I GAVE YOU?

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

-Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds.

-Revelations 22:12 (NLT)

For we are co-workers in God’s service; you are God’s field, God’s building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person’s work. If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

-1 Corinthians 3:9-15 (NIV)

THE RIGHT ANSWER: “I GAVE MY LIFE AWAY.”

I WILL INTENTIONALLY GIVE WHAT I HAVE.

GIVE IN THE LEGACY OFFERING.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

I WILL INTENTIONALLY SERVE OTHERS.

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

-Matthew 20:25-28 (NIV)

I WILL INTENTIONALLY SHARE CHRIST.

We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

-2 Corinthians 5:20 (NIV)

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

-1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

THERE IS MORE TO THIS LIFE THAN THIS LIFE.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What are some questions or curiosities you have from today's message? (Leader Note: This is a great place to understand where your group is in their spiritual walk and understanding. Encourage members to ask whatever questions they may have - often, people are hesitant to ask questions when they feel they might be too "basic" or about something they should already know)
2. What is one point from the message that stuck out to you? Why? (Leader Note: As members share their points, allow people to engage with one another about these points. Are two or more people bringing up the same point? Use that time to talk more about it, see how it moves you and your members - the Holy Spirit may be leading your House Party in a specific direction)
3. What is a truth about God, the world, or yourself that you have learned today?
4. What is one way you can apply this message to your life this week? (Leader Note: Great applications are S.M.A.R.T: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-bound).