

5. What are some peripheral issues in church life which can displace our most important objectives as a believer (John 15:34) and a body (Matthew 28:19)? How can we guard against this?

6. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25, 2020

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MESSAGE NOTES

THE MAIN THING

TODAY: FOCUS • MATTHEW 23:23-24

THE BOTTOM LINE

KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING.

Readjust your values and place first things first.

– Matthew 23:23 TPT

(Think of the Commander's Intent:

If we don't do anything else, we must do this!)

METICULOUS ATTENTION TO THE LESS IMPORTANT
LED TO A COMPLETE NEGLECT OF THE
MOST IMPORTANT

For you are obsessed with peripheral issues, like insisting on paying meticulous tithes on the smallest herbs that grow in your gardens. These matters are fine, yet you ignore the most important duty of all: to walk in the love of God, to display mercy to others, and to live with integrity. Readjust your values and place first things first. – Matthew 23:23 TPT

(What must you do to consider today a success, so that when you put your head on the pillow you can say I didn't do everything, but I did the most important thing?)

THE ONE THING FOR THE BELIEVER & THE CHURCH

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." – John 13:34 NIV

(Love is others-centered.

How can I leverage what's in my power to benefit another?)

...go and make disciples...

– Matthew 28:19 NLT

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AN OBSERVATION & IMPLICATION

- SINCE...Your main thing is the destination, not the path.

(The main thing is where you end up, not how you get there.

Remember Blockbuster, Xerox & Kodak?

What do you put in your GPS? The destination!

The benefit: creativity!)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works...not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another... – Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT/NIV

- SO...Marry the mission, date the method.

(Projectors are the new stained glass. We've moved from cassette tapes to CDs to podcasts to on-demand video.

What's next? The opportunity to start over rather than start back up.)

What blind guides! Nitpickers! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. – Matthew 23:24 TPT/NIV

THE CHALLENGE

Complete the OWN YOUR OWN section including #6.

Read & respond to God's Word daily.

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path. – Psalm 119:105 NLT

(It's dark! Here's your next step...)

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

1. Can you think of a time you were really focused on a particular goal? What was it and what was the result?

2. What are some peripheral issues in life that are "fine" in and of themselves, but which can displace the "most important" objectives in a particular relationship or pursuit?

3. The "most important" issues listed in Matthew 23:23 are often translated as "justice, mercy and faithfulness." Look up these terms in a dictionary or Bible dictionary. Summarize their meaning here.

4. How are the terms you just defined from Matthew 23:23 demonstrated in the Gospel—who Jesus is, what Jesus did, and what it means for us?