



MESSAGE GROUPS - 5 MARKS OF A MAN - JUNE 9

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

As we grow in our relationship with God and gain His wisdom, we learn how to set our lives to walk with Him and His will. But we can't grow in this relationship if we put things of lesser value above Him. We live in a world where temptations and choices are at our fingertips, but as followers of Jesus we are called to live by God's will. We must limit our options to what focuses on Christ.

ICEBREAKER:

Has there been a time in your life where a decision was especially difficult to make? What made it so hard to decide? Share this with your group.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read aloud **1 Corinthians 16: 13-14 (ESV)**.

- **Q:** *Why do you think Paul emphasizes these 5 instructions? How can following these impact your relationship with God?*

The first command in verse 13 is "Be Watchful." In other words, we should have a vision – one with God first. When we don't have God first, we put things of lesser value above Him.

- **Q:** *To have a God-first vision, we have to create a life that's bigger than today - that has the desire to move us from what is of this world and unholy to holy. What are ways this world tries to keep our eyes on what is right in front of us instead of on eternity?*
- **Q:** *If you don't have a vision of eternity, then you don't have anything higher to live for. What are some ways that we can keep our eyes set on eternity? How do you think this would change the way you live?*

When we choose to follow Jesus and are watchful, we are limiting our options and saying no to certain things. Although we'll face temptations just as Jesus did, our growing relationship and maturity with Christ will guide us to better decisions and choices

- **Q:** *What are some areas where it is tempting to play with options you don't have?*

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Choosing to follow Jesus shapes our lives and eternity in miraculous ways that only God can provide. When we set our vision on God and desire to leave darkness for light, our way of life and the way we think changes. Leaders, as we prepare for **Father's Day**, remind your group of service times and that we're finishing the 5 Marks of a Man series this Sunday, June 16. Also, encourage them to attend the Day at **Lake Lanier Water Park on June 29** and to purchase tickets with the discount code found at 12stone.com/events.

