



Notes | December 10, 2023

Christmas Family Values

How do you decide what is important in your family? How do you live that out and teach it to your kids? There are so many “things” that can be important in this Christmas season, but we have to choose what becomes a priority. The entire Christmas story points to different people who made choices about what was important to them and acted on it.

Key Scripture | Luke 1:37-38

For no word from God will ever fail. ‘I am the Lord’s servant,’ Mary answered. May your word to me be fulfilled.

Related Scriptures

Proverbs 3:13, Proverbs 19:8, James 3:17, Proverbs 16:16

Icebreakers:

Q: In this holiday season, what is most important to you?



Key Thoughts and Reflections:

I. One of the most important things you do every hour is decide what's important.

Q: What's a decision you've made while distracted? What happened?

Q: What's a decision you've made on purpose? Why was this a purpose-driven decision?

Q: Do you feel like you live life distracted or on purpose?

II. You have to pick what's important, then build habits to reflect the values.

Q: Pick a value your family has. Describe how you think God looks at it versus how culture would.

Q: What are your top 3 values and coinciding habits?

Q: What lesser things in your life might be disguised as a top value right now?

III. Values need habits; habits build values.

Q: Are you able to have boundaries with your habits? Do you find it hard to hold the line?

Q: If you could pass on one value and habit to your kids, spouse, sibling, or friend; what would it be? Why?

Q: Is there someone in your life that could hold you accountable with this value/habit?

Get Practical

Everyone has values—it's just a matter of whether their values are from the Lord or from culture. Use this week to pray over the following:

- For those around you to set biblical values in their home and walk out those traditions.
- What value can I instill in my family that reflects God's love and gives Him glory?