



Forgetting God | December 2, 2015

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

We work so hard to fit everything into our busy lives that we often forget the most important thing—God. Because God is always with us, we tend to take Him for granted and forget to engage Him until we really need Him. Why do so many things in our lives get priority over God?

Key Verse

1 John 2: 15-16 (MSG)

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him.

Discussion

When packing a car we assess, we game plan, and we pack the big things first. If there are one or two big items we figure out how to pack everything else around these one or two big things. These big things may cause us to consider what less important things could be excluded or how the smaller things will fit in relation to the big things.

1. If your life was the trunk of a car, what things do you cram into such a small space?
2. What are the 2-3 biggest things that you need to prioritize around?

Most of us can admit that God should be one of our top priorities, but we can also acknowledge that isn't how it always works. We typically engage God intentionally a time or two during the week and once on Sundays. Sunday can act like a shot of espresso for our faith, but by Monday morning we are off and running and God rarely makes it into our plan for packing.

3. Consider how packing God first might influence everything else in your life-trunk. In what ways can you prioritize God in your daily routine?

The Key Verse for this week is often seen in a VERY negative light and can cause us to start seeing our world and consequent lives as evil. Our goal in choosing this verse is to highlight how our current lives could be adjusted not forsaken altogether. Our current lives and our lives that include regular interaction with God are not as polarizing as some would like us to believe. The reality is that the world throws so many things our way so often that we begin to see only what is directly in front of us, and we slowly “squeeze” out God.

4. How might the Key Verse influence you to be more intentional about God as a part of the important things you already do?

What's Next?

Step back for a minute and consider how you “pack” for your week. What needs to change for you to include God more regularly? What do you need to cut out that isolates you from God? Lastly, how will you infuse God into some of the great things you already do this week?

For further reading consider reading all of 1 John 2 to see how John balances prioritizing God through a relationship with Christ.