



Small Group Guide: "What Do You Value Most?"

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Key Takeaways:**

1. The temporary and eternal will always compete for our greatest allegiance.
2. God knows us fully and still chooses to use us for His kingdom purposes.
3. Setting our minds on eternal things rather than worldly concerns changes our perspective and actions.
4. There's a greater reward in eternity than anything this world can offer.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. The sermon mentions Peter's quick shift from being praised by Jesus to being called "Satan." How does this illustrate the struggle between focusing on eternal vs. temporary concerns?
2. Reflect on the statement: "We can set our hearts on a God who knows you and still chooses to use you." How does this impact your view of God and your role in His plan?
3. Jesus asks, "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?" How do you see this playing out in today's society? In your own life?
4. Discuss the analogy of "worldly blinders." What are some practical ways we can focus more on eternal matters and less on worldly distractions?
5. The sermon mentions that we often "value the product of suffering" but struggle with "the process of suffering." Can you share an experience where you've seen this in your own life?
6. How does the parable of the hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44) relate to valuing eternal things over worldly possessions?

#### **Practical Applications:**

1. This week, identify one area in your life where you're overly focused on temporary concerns. Commit to praying daily about shifting your perspective to an eternal one in that area.
2. Create a "spiritual blinders" reminder for yourself - perhaps a phone wallpaper or a note on your mirror - to help you focus on eternal matters throughout your day.
3. Reflect on your current goals and ambitions. Are they primarily worldly or eternal in nature? Consider how you might adjust them to align more with God's kingdom purposes.
4. Practice gratitude for the eternal hope we have in Christ. Each day this week, write down one way this hope impacts your daily life.

### **Closing Prayer**

Encourage group members to continue reflecting on the sermon's message throughout the week and to support one another in focusing on eternal matters.