

CLUTTER

WEEK 2
DISAPPOINTING PEOPLE

Message Notes
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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do **good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *Ephesians 2:10*

*"The acid of over-activity eats holes in our souls. And from those holes leaks the cry of the **unfulfilled calling** that never quite happened. We said yes to so much that we missed what I call our '**Best Yes**' assignments."* Lysa Terkeurst

Cluttered Life = Unfulfilled Calling

Our lives get cluttered because we fear **disappointing** people.

"I can't tell you the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everyone."
Ed Sheeran

You must learn to **disappoint** people.

"Essentialists accept that they cannot be popular with everyone all the time."
Greg McKeown

1. You must care more about what **God** **thinks** than what people think.

*"Go and stand in the temple and **speak** to the people all the words of this Life."* Acts 5:20

"We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree." Acts 5:28-30

Fear of man will prove to be a **snare**... *Proverbs 29:25*

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of **wisdom**... *Proverbs 9:10*

2. You must **prioritize** your life. If you don't, **someone** else will.

*"A burning '**yes**' makes it possible to say '**no**' to other things."* Stephen Covey

But he said, "Why all this weeping? You are breaking my heart! I am ready not only to be jailed at Jerusalem but even to die for the sake of the Lord Jesus." When it was clear that we **couldn't persuade him**, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done." *Acts 21:13-14*

A. Identify your **roles** .

B. Identify the most important **contribution** (yes) for each role.

C. Organize your **day** around each priority.

"You'll never change your life until you change something you do daily. The secret of success is found in your daily routine." -John Maxwell

If you want to make your greatest contribution, you must de-clutter your life.

Roles

Contributions

Roles	Contributions
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WEEKLY BIBLE READING

ONE YEAR NEW TESTAMENT	SUNDAY Luke 18:18-43	MONDAY Luke 19:1-27	TUESDAY Luke 19:28-48
this week	april 17	april 18	april 19
WEDNESDAY Luke 20:1-26	THURSDAY Luke 20:27-47	FRIDAY Luke 21:1-28	SATURDAY Luke 21:29-22:13
april 20	april 21	april 22	april 23
WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE Proverbs 9:10			

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For Group Discussion

Answer these questions prior to your Small Group meeting this week.

Check-in

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

From the information we discussed the last time we met, what did you apply to your life in a practical way?

OTHER POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR CHECK-IN

TIME WITH GOD - What are you applying that you are getting from your daily time with God?

MEMORY/MEDITATION VERSE - State it.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR - Who was accountable for you? Did they care for you by helping you achieve your action step(s) this past week?

Introduction

Our lives can often become cluttered because we fear disappointing the people God has placed in our lives. Most of us find no pleasure in disappointing people. We want to please them. It is natural for us to want others to think favorably about us. However, if our desire to please people isn't balanced out, it can wreak havoc on our lives and keep us from making our greatest contribution.

Discussion Questions

1. Would you say you are a "yes" person or a "no" person? Why? The fear of disappointing others can lead to a cluttered life, which prevents us from making our greatest contribution. Who are the people in your life you don't want to disappoint?

2. Read Proverbs 29:25. What are some different ways the fear of another's opinion disables us? Read 1 Samuel 15:24. Share a recent situation when your fear of disappointing people caused your life to become cluttered.

3. Read Proverbs 9:10. How does the fear of the Lord lead to wisdom?

Small Group Questions Continued

What are some ways you tend to prioritize pleasing people over pleasing God? How can we develop the habit of being more concerned about God's opinion rather than the opinions of people?

4. If you don't prioritize your life, someone else will. Take a moment to identify the primary roles in your life, and then identify your most important contribution (yes) to being the best you can be for each of those roles.

Share your roles and contributions with your group. Now having completed that exercise, how are you going to organize your next 90 days around those priorities?

"People don't plan to fail. They fail to plan." - John Beckley

Action Step

Fill in the blanks below for this upcoming week.

My action steps are _____

I'm accountable for _____, and their action steps are

My memory verse is _____

This coming week, I'm praying for:
