

DRIFTING

WEEK 3
THE OTHERS
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We avoid drifting by valuing people.

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our **likeness**..." *Genesis 1:26*

"You shall **love** your **neighbor** as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."
Matthew 22:39-40

Love does **no harm** to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. *Romans 13:10*

We are focused on ourselves.

Let each of you look **not only** to his own interests, but also to the interests of **others**. *Philippians 2:4*

Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his **neighbor**.
1 Corinthians 10:24

"It is well to remember that the entire universe, with one trifling exception is composed of others." John Holmes, American Poet

Your life grows in significance as you help others.

"Anybody who succeeds is helping people. The secret to success is to find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it; find a problem and solve it."
Robert Schuller

1. Start where you are.

2. Give what you have.

Anxiety weighs down the heart, but a **kind word** cheers it up.
Proverbs 12:25

"How do you know if someone needs encouragement? If they are breathing." Truett Cathy

3. Join others who are doing great work.

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4. Do one thing for another person every day.

"Nearly every moment of every day we have the opportunity to give something to someone else." Truett Cathy

"It is **more blessed** to give than it is to receive." Acts 20:35

Will you become a person who values others?

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For Group Discussion

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

Group Prep

In preparation for your small group, please read the following passages of Scripture and write out your answers to the following discussion questions in the space provided prior to attending.

Philippians 2:1-11, James 4:1-3, Deuteronomy 15:11, Deuteronomy 16:17, Proverbs 18:16, and 1 Corinthians 16:2

Introduction

If we want to avoid drifting (boredom, frustration, a lack of purpose or motivation), we must value what God values, and God values people. God loves people immensely. Let's discuss what might detour us from placing the same value on people that God does and then determine some ways we can make people more of a priority.

Discussion Questions

1. Name someone who makes you feel valued. Why do you feel valued by them? Would you describe their life as significant? Why or why not?

Describe how the world may describe a life of significance. What principles did you take from reading Philippians 2:1-11? Take a moment to discuss the difference between the world's view of significance and a biblical view of significance.

2. If we are too focused on our own life and therefore neglect valuing others, drifting is inevitable. What ideas stuck out to you from reading James 4:1-3? How can selfish desires keep us from living a life of significance? How does selfishness tend to show itself in your life?

3. Helping people is essential to living a life of significance. What excuses can we allow ourselves to make that keep us from stepping into helping others?

There were four steps shared on how you can step into helping others. Review those steps and answer the following questions:

Step 1 – Start where you are. Who is in your life that needs help? (Deuteronomy 15:11)

Step 2 – Give what you have. What can you give? (Deuteronomy 16:17)

Step 3 – Join others who are doing great work. Who can you join with? (Proverbs 18:16)

Step 4 – Do one thing for another person every day. What's one thing you could do consistently to help others? (1 Corinthians 16:2)

4. "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive." Acts 20:35.

How are we more blessed when we choose to be givers and not receivers?

What thoughts did you have when the question was asked, "will you become a person who values others?" Which of the steps above do you feel you are currently doing well with, and which of the steps above do you feel you could improve on?

What steps do you feel you are being led to take this coming week to prioritize valuing people?

OUTREACH: GROUPS IN ACTION

A team traveling to Colombia needs your toys! (Small stuffed animals like beanie babies, happy meal toys, small balls) These will be passed out to over 1,200 children. Please bring them to the office during the week or the information counter at your campus, between now and June 4. Contact Kerry Carmichael at kcarmichael@eclife.org for more information.

Occasionally, we need groups to help with a funeral meal to help serve the family in need. Would your group be willing to sign up to help? Let us know if you would be willing to be on a list to call when a need arises. Contact Kerry Carmichael at kcarmichael@eclife.org for more information.

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: _____