

## WHAT REALLY MATTERS

- we are living in a time when the world has lost the concept of what is really important
- how do you think that most people define success?
- what is a life well lived?
- how can we get our focus on what really matters

### 1. **(18-20) A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST**

- Jesus is in the area of Caesera Philippi
  - show video =  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1578RkG1wKA>
- there are many opinions about Christ
- the only opinion that matters is yours - it has eternal implications

### 2. **(21-22, 43-45) THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**

- this revelation came after the disciples had confessed that Jesus was the Christ

### 3. **(23-26) GETTING THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE**

- it all begins with desire here
- do you really want to be a follower of Jesus
  - deny yourself
  - take up your cross daily
  - follow Jesus
- the more you let go of yourself, the happier you will be

### 4. **(27-36) THERE IS A FUTURE GLORY**

- notice that Jesus went to the mountain to pray
  - Luke often emphasizes the prayer life of Jesus
- Jesus was transfigured

- perhaps this is the same "clothing" that Adam and Eve had in the Garden

- the fact that Moses and Elijah are there with Jesus shows that God is the God of the living

- what will be the outcome of your appearance before God after you die?

- notice the exhortation to "hear Jesus"

### **5. (37-42) KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING**

- as soon as they came down from the mountain-top experience with Jesus, they were confronted with the cruel realities of life

- it is so easy to get distracted, isn't it?
  - we all have an enemy of our soul who would like nothing more than to get us away from Jesus

-why couldn't the disciples cast out the demon when Jesus had given them the power and authority back in v.1

- another gospel says - this does not happen apart from prayer and fasting

- the point here = you can't live off of the high of yesterday's victories - you must keep your relationship with Christ fresh and new every day (see v.41)

### **6. (46-48) THE PATH TO GREATNESS**

- this discussion comes after the failure of the disciples to cast out the demon

- what is it that compels us to compare ourselves with everybody else to see how we measure up

- notice that Jesus was aware of what they thinking about

- where does greatness come from, and what is the path to greatness

- greatness comes from humility and being a servant

- Jesus used words like last, least, lowest, servant, slave

- when it comes to serving people, folks usually fall into one of three areas

1. I am not doing anything - somebody else can do it
2. I might help if I am asked to
3. I will look for any opportunity to serve without being asked

- speak about attitude while serving

### **7. (49-56) DON'T BE SO QUICK TO JUDGE**

- two stories that make the same point

- sometimes we get jealous when people do things differently than we do

- sometimes we get mad when sinners act like sinners

### **8. (57-62) BE ALL IN**

- emotion of the moment =

- Jesus responds simply = follow me

- I will be totally committed to You after . . .

- Jesus responds - Get busy now

- You will never mover forward if you are constantly looking back

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