BACK TO THE BASICS

Leader Conversation Guide – Back to the Basics (Part I): Are You Focused?

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt launched us into 2024 with a new series, Back to the Basics, and shared Victory's word for year: Clarity. We were encouraged to start the year by going deeper into our relationship with Jesus, by participating in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, and gaining focus on where God is leading us.

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I THESSALONIANS 5:23

Make It Practical - To focus in 2024, we must learn to:

<u>Prioritize</u> - to arrange in order of importance so that you can deal with the most important things before the others

Let Go - relinquish one's grip on someone or something

<u>Slow Down</u> - to be less active and relax more

Surrender - abandon oneself entirely to (a powerful emotion or influence); give in to

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- What are the areas of your life you need to surrender to Christ?
- What is your "one word" and "one verse" for the year?

I ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of gloryto make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do. EPHESIANS 1:17-19 (MSG)

Prayer

Father, help us to remain focused on you this year, and give us clarity to make the right decisions. Holy Spirit, guide us with every step we take, that we would not veer one way or the other, but that we would remain on the straight and narrow, pursuing you with all we are. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Encourage Group members to seek the Lord's guidance on how they should participate in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting.