

Small Group Study Guide- More Than Words Week 1

Extra Notes:

What we love we shall grow to resemble.

–St. Bernard of Clairvaux

1) Loving God with the wrong scorecard= exalting ourselves. (Luke 18:9-12)

- The Great Commandment exhorts us to love God with our heart, soul, and mind. The focus is on our commitment and our actions. How was the Pharisee in the parable NOT doing this? Where do you see these tendencies in your own life?
- Can you think of modern examples of using the wrong scorecard? What are ungodly metrics that we use to justify our godliness? (*See Luke 5:27-32*) How quickly we exalt ourselves!
- Using his scorecard the Pharisee began with general titles for “sinners” and then got very personal with it. How is this the heartbeat of the devil, instead of God? (*See Rev. 12:10*)

2) Loving God with the right scorecard = humbling ourselves. (Luke 18:13-14)

- The tax collector was demonstrative in worship. Not because he was about “a show” but rather because his sin broke him. How can we allow our sin to humble us and create worship from our heart, soul and mind?
- How have you experienced God’s mercy in your life? How has a proper understanding of God’s mercy given you the right scorecard? (*See Eph. 2:8-10*)
- How does the right scorecard from us from religion to relationship? How does this guide you to proper worship?
- If we measure humility by the time we give God to develop intimacy with Him, how are we doing? (*See Psalm 90:12*)