

Pursuing the Priorities of God

Kingdom Priorities

Matt. 6.33

People are God's Priority

Matthew 28.19, 20 /John 4.3-7

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In pursuit of the kingdom and kingdom priorities it almost goes without saying that God places high value on people. I think in the church we're oft deceived into thinking that He loves people who are saved and hates everyone else.

But according to John 3.16, God so loved the world...the world. So when we talk of God's priorities we have to think of His most valuable commodity. It was the last thing He told us on His way out and the first order of business on His way back!!

1. He loves You Deut 7:7-8

8 but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

- It was His love and grace that rescued your life from sin - Deliverance
- His love maintains your abundant life - Contentment John 10.10
- His love secures your purpose in the kingdom – Fulfillment

2. He loves the Hurting Matt 11:28-30

28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS." 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- God has a keen interest in those who are less fortunate!
Jesus spends a great deal of time with the poor and needy.
- God wants us to care when people are hurting.
- Jesus gave His life to stop the pain.

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3. He loves the Lost 2 Peter 3:9

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance

- God loves all the lost people in your family

‘he had to go to Samaria because she was there and He loved her...

- God loves the lost in this nation

When He reached out to her, He reached out to a nation!

- God loves the lost in the World!

And He's still sending us to the lost of the nations...