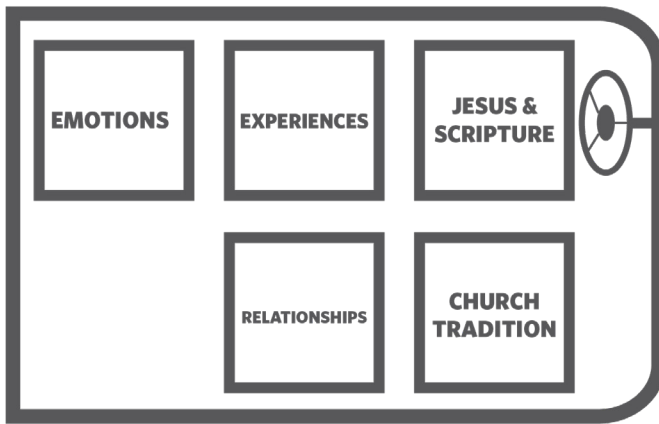


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## LIFE MATTERS

SERIES BIG IDEAS:

\_\_\_\_\_ and scripture drive my beliefs, not my pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_.



\_\_\_\_\_ is God.

**God is** \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:3-4, 5:21, 11:25-26, 14:6;

1 John 5:20; Genesis 1:27

**To be made in God's image is to have intrinsic \_\_\_\_\_ assigned by \_\_\_\_\_.**

**God gives \_\_\_\_\_ when He gives life.**

<sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Psalms 139:13-16 (NIV)

**God gives value to life \_\_\_\_\_ we are born.**

**The value of life is in Whose \_\_\_\_\_ we are made, not in our status, possessions, or merit.**

**God gives value to all \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>34</sup>God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup>but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right."

Acts 10:34-35 (NIV)

**God proves His value of all races by extending \_\_\_\_\_ to all \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>13</sup>Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us...<sup>26</sup>So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:26-28 (NIV)

**Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ shows us the value of everyone's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Life \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**

**What I do with the life I live \_\_\_\_\_ to God.**



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<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.  
Mark 8:34-35 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**I will \_\_\_\_\_ myself, \_\_\_\_\_ to myself, and follow Jesus to give the life I've received.**

**Followers of Jesus are the first to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_.**

## MY NOTES



### TEACHING SUMMARY:

I remember being young and watching on television as a family of a murder victim spoke about wanting the murderer to know the forgiveness of God and that they forgave him. It took me aback.

How could they view that God could or would not cast this man aside and carry a grudge and what's more how could they not want him dead?

As I think about God being for me and for those who I struggle to be for I think about the words of Peter recorded in Acts 10.."Truly, I understand that God shows no partiality." If God shows no partiality in love, mercy, forgiveness, and blessing then who am I to stand in opposition to anyone who the Lamb of God came to die for?

Love for all regardless of gender, race, background, failures, or successes is my responsibility as a follower of Jesus and I must heed the words of the Apostle John in 1 John 4 - "Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love."

### TALK IT OVER:

What did the message teach you about Jesus?

What did it teach you about you?

What did it show you about how Jesus wants you to live your life? Are you willing to submit to His leadership in your beliefs and decisions? Why or Why not?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching?

How can we be praying for you?

Is there a next step you need to take today?

How can others in your group pray for you?

### FURTHER READING:

Day 1: John 3:16-18

Day 2: John 6:32-40

Day 3: John 8:12

Day 4: John 10:7-9

Day 5: 1 John 5:1-12

Day 6: Colossians 2:6-9