

It Matters

Values Matter

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Proverbs 1:2-4 "Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. ³Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. ⁴These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young." (NLT=New Living Translation)

1. Why do I need values?

Ephesians 4:14 "Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth." (NLT)

Colossians 2:8 "Don't let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ." (NLT)

- Values provide direction
- Values provide _____
- Values provide confidence
- Values provide _____
- Values provide protection
- Values provide _____

2. Where do we get our values?

Matthew 7:24-25 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock." (NLT)

- Values come from the word of God
- Do not pursue the values of this _____

I John 2:15-16 "Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world." (NLT)

- Values need to be consistent with _____

3. How do I live my values?

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take." (NLT)

- Pray
- _____ values down
- Evaluate
- Make _____ changes
- _____ decisions to your values.

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Discussion Questions:

1. How do values influence our lives? Discuss the 6 things values provide. Come up with more if you can. Give some examples from your own life where a value influenced your life.
2. Where do most people get their values today? What are some of the biggest influencers of values in our world today?
3. How does God's word provide values? Why is it important that our values even represent our unique design?
4. Discuss the process of creating and living out values. 5 steps were given in this process. Discuss each one and why it's important. Discuss the illustration of the jar.
5. What's your next step? Do you need to discover your values? Do you need to do some evaluating of values you already know? Maybe there is a tough decision you need to make.