



“This Year I Will Refocus My Priorities”

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INTRODUCTION

January is a time of fresh starts and new beginning. We assess, evaluate and take stock of our lives, and set goals, make resolutions and refocus our priorities based on who we want to be and where we want to go in life. Now is the time!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. A game changer is a newly introduced element or factor that changes a **situation in a significant way. Look back over your recent past...what is one game changer** in your life?
2. Read John 15:1-13. **The two “game changer” priorities of the Christian life are** 1) abide in Jesus, and 2) connect with others. Take stock of your life currently, and answer: how are you doing with these two priorities?
3. Tyler said (and research clearly shows) that the #1 habit for spiritual growth is **spending time reading God’s word** — especially if you can do it on a daily basis.
 - a. Have you ever adopted this habit? If so, share the results.
 - b. If not, share what has gotten in the way of you making bible engagement a priority/habit.
 - c. Share about how this habit might affect your personal life and relationships.
 - d. Share about how this habit might affect your work life.
4. Can you remember the acrostic Tyler shared for A-B-I-D-E? Which of these resonated the most with you, and why?
5. **How do you think ABIDING in Jesus (by reading God’s Word) can** serve as a **“keystone habit”** that transforms your life and triggers other disciplines (spiritual or otherwise)?
6. **Connecting with other Christians is the #2 “game changer”** priority for experiencing the GROWTH (fruit)/JOY/LOVE we all want. Jesus says in John **15:13 that there’s “no greater love” than the sacrificial love of Christian** friendship. How have you experienced the benefits of Christian friendship in your life? Share a couple examples.
 - a. **If you can’t speak from experience here, then perhaps share some of the hopes** you have for Christian friendships or community.

7. What are TWO steps you can take THIS WEEK to make these Priorities/Habits part of your life?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests and close in prayer. Commit to praying for one another throughout the week.