

THE ONE THING YOU NEED

Big Idea: When David became Israel's king, he made it a priority to get the ark of God back to its rightful place at the center of Israel's worship. The ark represented something David highly valued—the presence of God. If you're going to have God's presence—His specific affirmation and pleasure—over your life, work, finances and family you must “prepare a place for the ark” just as David did. This happens as you *seek* God's presence, *sacrifice* by dying to yourself, *sensitize* your ear and heart to listen to God's voice and *serve* Him faithfully.

1 Chronicles 15:1 (NKJV) *David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it.*

Discussion Questions:

Think back to a time you really wanted something (like a relationship, a car, a home, a job, etc.). How much did you think about that thing, work toward it, attempt to make it happen?

All these things fade away but Heaven is eternal. How can we put that same desire toward seeking our Father and Kingdom things?

The grace we've been given causes progressive, transforming change in our lives. The beauty in this is that the things we give up weren't really good for us anyway and what we gain in Christ is everlasting. What are some differences between your life before Christ and now?

Our world is busy and often times loud. What are some ways to keep our spiritual eyes and ears open to how God is calling us to live?

Whether you're serving on a team in church, at a soup kitchen, or the needs of your family, it's important to God. Even more important is our “heart posture”, and only God knows our hearts. What are some ways to keep our hearts humble and Christ-like as we serve?

Prayer Focus:

Pray that God will help you to be aware of His presence daily. Also ask for strength as you seek to put him and others first, follow His leading and honor Him with your attitudes and actions.

Leader Tip:

Continue to encourage group members to grow in these areas by taking steps to grow in their faith (baptism, join a team, holiday outreach, etc.). If possible, break the group into smaller numbers and within those groups have people share which area they need to focus on and what they will do (specifically) to grow in these areas. Have the individuals within the smaller groups pray for specific needs during this time.