

## 2024 Priorities Reflection Questions 12/31/2023

- 1. What are some resolutions or goals that are common for a new year? Were there any goals that you had last year that were met with resistance? Were there any goals that were fairly successful?
- 2. In 2 Chronicles 11:14-16, we are told about people living in northern Israel who permanently left their inheritance and property in order to worship the Lord in the south in Judah. What would be an equivalent sacrifice today in order to prioritize the Lord?
- 3. In Matthew 13:44, Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a person who sells everything he owns to purchase the one thing of great value. How does this parable about priorities relate to us today?
- 4. Proverbs 10:22 talks about the blessing of the Lord that come to us with no regret. Can you think of examples in life when people pursue life's "blessings" only to end up with regret? How does the Kingdom of God differ from the world in this regard?
- 5. When prioritizing unity in the body of Christ, why does Paul say that it would be better to be wronged or cheated than to go to court with a fellow believer (1 Corinthians 6:7)? Reflect on the statement, "What you are losing is far greater than what you could ever gain".
- 6. Matthew 6, Jesus tells us not to seek after material things but to "seek first God's kingdom and everything we need will be added to us". What did you think of Jesus' point that material goods are meant to be enjoyed as the benefits of having godly priorities, instead of as a reward of our own determination and effort?
- 7. In Proverbs 8:10-11, we are told to choose wisdom and knowledge over gold and jewels. Then later in the same chapter we are told that having wisdom will eventually give us riches and prosperity. How does this passage relate to having kingdom priorities?
- 8. What are some areas in your life that you need to rearrange in order to come into alignment with God's priorities for 2024?