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1 Corinthians 10:24

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I. God's Focus on Others

What is the message of Matthew 5:16?

How does God want us to use our connections with others in our lives?

How is the consumer orientated culture that we live in at odds with the focus of God on others?

According to 1 John 4:11, upon what is our love for others based?

Why do you struggle with loving and caring and doing good for others?

II. Valuing Others

When it comes to our perspective on others, what does Philippians 2:3 tell us we are to not do? How would you define *selfish ambition* and *vain conceit*?

How does having a mistaken view of ourselves cause us to have a faulty view of others? How does God bring clarity to this view of ourselves and others?

Philippians 2:3 tells us that we are to have humility. Why does the world not value humility? How would you describe the Christian virtue of humility?

According to Philippians 2:3 what are we to do in humility? How does Philippians 2:4 expand on this?

What are the reasons that we seem to struggle doing this?

III. “Does it seek the good of others?”

We have previously looked at three of the six questions that assist us in determining God's will. They are:

1. Is it Helpful or Beneficial?
2. Does it master me?
3. Does it cause others to stumble?

Why is it so important to answer these questions from the perspective of God's will and God's working?

The fourth question is: Does it seek the good of others?

Why is it important to make sure that this is *God's good* rather than *just good* generally?

What is God's *ultimate good* that He wants to see happen in each and every life?

What is the message of 1 Corinthians 10:24? Why does this “doing good to others” need to be qualified by being consistent with the truth of God's Word?

How do we get *God's good will for others* and *our will for others* mixed up?

Why do we need to consider if it is good for others when we are thinking of God's will for our life?