



Journal

Chapter 14: SINGLE-MINDEDNESS

Personal Study

Last week you examined your commitment to the practice of Bible study. Perhaps you learned something about yourself or the Word of God that was new to you. This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 14: Single-mindedness*. Then spend some time to allowing the Scripture to take root in your heart; evaluate your thoughts about how God is working in your daily life.

Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 14: Single-mindedness* and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

2. As you read this chapter, what questions came to your attention?

3. What did you read that shook you?

Confronted you? _____

Excited you? _____

4. God is not content with being involved in certain parts of our life; he wants to be the center of it all. Why are we tempted to compartmentalize our faith rather than allow it to invade every aspect of our being?

5. How does trust or a lack of trust influence our ability to be single-minded?

6. What areas of your life, if any, are you holding back from God (i.e., work, relationships, family, finances, etc.)? What would it take to allow him to be the center of these areas of your life?

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 14: Single-Mindedness, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a 1–6 scale (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

_____ I desire Jesus Christ to be first in my life.

_____ I see every aspect of my life and work as service to God.

_____ I spend time each day reading God’s Word and praying.

_____ I value a simple lifestyle over one cluttered with activities and material possessions.

Take Action

Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week’s Key Verse to memory.

Key Verse: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, “Does my life reflect this statement?”

Key Idea: I focus on God and his priorities for my life.

Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.

1. How could this practice express itself in your life?

2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who practices single-mindedness?

3. What is impeding your ability to live single-mindedly?

How can you overcome this obstacle?

4. What action step can you take this week to increase your awareness of God’s involvement in your daily life?
