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Lord of all or not at all - *developing a holistic spirituality* 15.04.07

Summary of teaching - *There is a widespread tendency to treat Christianity as a component of life along with other components such as family, work, leisure and finances. This compartmentalisation encourages a dichotomy between secular and spiritual. The biblical perspective is to see Christ's lordship over every aspect of life so that even the most mundane components can become expressions of the life of Christ in us. Holistic spirituality stresses the centrality of Christ.*

Read Philippians 3:7-14

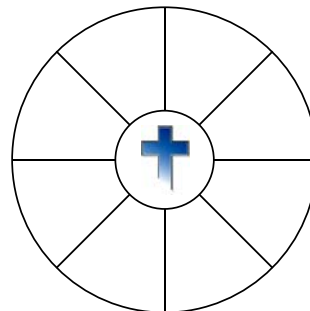
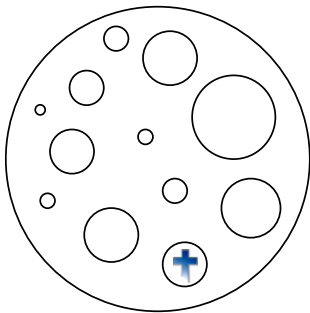
17th century philosopher Blaise Pascal - *"all men seek happiness. This is without exception. This is the motive of every action of every man, even of those who hang themselves."*

How did you seek happiness before you became a Christian?

How do you seek happiness now? Has anything changed?

Reflect on the time you became a Christian. Were you committing yourself to a life of radical discipleship or something less? How you respond to the idea of enrolling in the 'Master Class of Life'?

Which picture more truly describes your life?



Where do you most experience tensions with your 'faith compartment'?

What practical difference would you experience if the focus of your heart was eternal?

Does the phrase '*comfortable impostor*' challenge you?

Share vulnerably, while encouraging and praying for each other, about areas of your life where there are inconsistencies between our belief and behaviour.

Luke 14:26-27,33 ***"If you want to be my follower you must love me more than your own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, more than your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my***

disciple. And you cannot be my disciple if you do not carry your own cross and follow me. So no one can become my disciple without giving up everything for me.”

Be honest about the fears you have in surrendering everything to the Lordship of Christ.

Philip. 3:12 I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be.

Pray for each other that God will increase our desire to live integrated lives with Christ at the centre.