



SERMON NOTES

September 22, 2024

Speaker: Dr. Brian Bennett

“First Things First”

First things first: “God Math”

God math puts God first _____ and _____ impact.
[John 15:1-5]

God is the _____ to our _____.
[Matthew 25:1-13; Ephesians 2:1-10]

- Our _____ is in Christ not _____, have, have done, or others say about us.

God _____ us to _____ what He has given us.
[Matthew 25:14-30]

- God has given you _____, _____, and _____ to multiply for Him.

Additional Verses referenced:

1 Chronicles 29:14, NIV, Colossians 3:23-24, Hebrews 11:6

Next Step Questions:

- Do you need to receive (or recommit to) Jesus first today?
- Will you multiply your impact by investing your time, talent, and treasure for God?

First Things First

Prioritizing God in Identity, Money, & Mission

Pathway Group Discussion Questions:

Note: 1, 6-7 are general questions asked at Pathway weekly.

1. How is God at work in and around your life?
2. Read John 15:1-5 as a group. How does God add, subtract, divide, and multiply in our lives? How are you experiencing this?
3. Read Matthew 25:1-13 or summarize it for the group. When Jesus returns what will He be looking for from those that are His?
 - Note: Pastor Brian covers the symbolism of the wise, foolish, virgins, and oil. Each of these is meant to point towards our ultimate need for Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
4. Read Ephesians 2:4-10. How is God the solution to our problem? What does this change about our identity and the trajectory of our life?
5. Read Matthew 25:14-30 or summarize it for the group. Pastor Brian said, “God expects us to multiply what He has given us”. How does this apply to our time, talent, and treasure?
 - Note: Additional verses references and links for next steps were provided for each category. See below:
 - 1 Chronicles 29:14, NIV, Colossians 3:23-24, and Hebrews 11:6
 - www.pathwayvb.com/faith
 - www.pathwayvb.com/gifts
 - www.pathwayvb.com/volunteer
6. How did you answer the “next step questions” from the message?
 - Do you need to receive (or recommit to) Jesus first today?
 - Will you multiply your impact by investing your time, talent, and treasure for God?
7. How can we pray for you and support you this week?

Note for life group leaders: if you need additional support or resources due to the depth of the verses and topics covered don't hesitate to reach out: zorom@pathwayvb.com

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September 8 – September 14, 2024

FINANCIALS

\$40,612 up 16.0% to budget for W/E 9/14/24

\$1,297,980 down 5.0% to budget for Year to Date

-\$64,855 Net Revenue after including other income through August 2024 (Reminder that summer months are lower giving so create more negative net revenue)

\$193,395 for Missions or 15.3% of General Giving YTD through August 2024

CONNECT

Total Worship Attendance: 1058

Online: 120

TWC Attendance Sunday: 563

Kids Sunday: 114

Students: 261

GROW

Baptisms (YTD): 44

Discipleship Groups: 47

Salvations (YTD): 80

SERVE

People Fed at Food Pantry: 63

Weekly Volunteers: 78