

WEIRD

(BECAUSE NORMAL ISN'T WORKING)



OK OR BEST?

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MESSAGE RECAP

We can know and choose what is best when it comes to our time and priorities (Eph. 5:15-18). Though many in our culture believe that activity equals importance, often busyness distracts us from what is truly significant and worth our attention. Through Jesus, who brings light to our darkness, we have the power to grasp and embrace the *big rocks* first: the weightier matters of life. By doing so, we will encounter God's best regardless of how unsuccessful or weird others may perceive it.

GETTING STARTED

1. Why do so many in our culture (and here in the Abilene area) believe that activity equals importance?

GOING DEEPER

1. How can too many choices and options distract us as believers from the *big rocks* (the weightier matters) of our lives?
2. How can we *know* and be empowered to *choose* what is most significant in our lives, what is best?
3. What should the *big rocks* be? What are the normal *big rocks* of our culture?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Are you too busy? What *big rocks* have you possibly neglected as a result of all your activities?
 2. Where do you need to simplify, or what do you need to say NO to, in order to refocus your priorities?
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MINISTRY TIME

We all fall short to some measure when it comes to how we prioritize what is truly important. We all are busy. **Take time as a Life group to encourage and to pray over those who feel they are neglecting *big rocks* in their lives.** Ask the Lord to not only *know* but to have the courage to *choose* what is best, which may involve some significant changes or adjustments when it comes to time commitments.

TAKING ACTION

This week, carve out time to seek the Lord and to ask Him about your activities and busyness.

In prayer, ask Him if there are *big rocks* that you are neglecting in which you need to refocus. Then be quiet in His presence and listen to what He has to say to you.

JUST FOR LEADERS

VISION CASTING:

This month, challenge your Life Group to be intentional about **cultivating relationships** within your group. Beyond your group's Fireteam and Impact Group (breaking into groups just for men/women), encourage your group members to purposefully get together outside of your Life Group gathering to foster stronger connections.

CRITICAL DATES & INFORMATION:

- DNA Infusion: Sunday, January 15 & 22 as well as Wednesday, January 25
- GroupLink: Sunday, January 29 @ 6:30pm in the Worship Center
- Pursuit Conference: January 19-21 (register online at <http://globalawakening.com/events/full-event-list/pursuit-abilene>)

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