

WHEN GOOD CROWDS OUT THE BEST

OPPORTUNITIES MISSED

MARTHA'S MISSED OPPORTUNITY

The Right Heart – The Wrong Choice

Luke 10:38-42/ John 11:5/ John 11:1-45/ John 12:1-9

MAKING THE BETTER CHOICE

How To Keep Good From Crowding Out The Best

❶ Remember: Everything is **spiritual**

Colossians 3:17/ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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Put him in the **middle of everything**

❷ Learn To Ask: Does this really **matter**?

Matthew 6:33/ Luke 10:41/ Colossians 3:21/ Proverbs 10:19 & 17:27

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Philippians 2:13/ Luke 3:21-22; 4:1, 18-19, 42-44; Luke 6:12-13
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1 Corinthians 7:8 & 32-35
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is everyone else's **assignment**
John 21:18-22/ 1 Corinthians 12



**Growth Groups can sign up for
Weekend of Service Projects
starting this week,
Monday, April 4**
Sign up @ weekendofservice.com

We had a great response to our previous requests for Team Leaders. However, our needs and projects continue to grow. We still need Team Leaders in the following areas:

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| Landscaping (16 Leaders Needed) | Drywall (4 Leaders Needed) |
| Painting (14 Leaders Needed) | Concrete (3 Leaders Needed) |
| Electric Work (10 Leaders Needed) | Roofing (3 Leaders Needed) |
| Plumbing (6 Leaders Needed) | Art/Mural creation (2 Leaders Needed) |
| Irrigation (5 Leaders Needed) | Asphalt (2 Leaders Needed) |
| Licensed Health Care Professionals | |

If you can help, go to weekendofservice.com, email the Weekend of Service team at sstockton@northcoastchurch.com or contact the church office at 760-724-6700.

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JOIN US FOR A NIGHT ABOUT MARRIAGE
Friday, April 15, 7-9 PM
\$5/person
Vista Campus, The Edge
Great Growth Group Social!

Chris Brown is our introductory speaker on the trials of marriage.

Then we'll offer six breakout sessions to choose from:

- ⇒ **Fighting Fair – Working Through Disagreements & Conflicts** - Dave Enns
- ⇒ **How We Love – Discovering Your Love Style** - Ned Mervich
- ⇒ **We're Married, Now What? - The Early Years Of Marriage** - Connor McFadden
- ⇒ **Money & Marriage** - Mick & Deb Bostwick
- ⇒ **Making Marriage Work When Life Happens** - Paul & Jill Savona
- ⇒ **Addiction & Marriage – Fighting The Battles** - Becky Apana & Susan Trueblood

Sign up at northcoastchurch.com/ncu
Childcare is available with pre-registration.

SERMON SERIES: 30 A.D. *The Jesus Story*
Message #25: When Good Crowds Out The Best
Luke 10:38-42

Dr. Larry Osborne
North Coast Church
April 2-3, 2011

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of April 3, 2011

Welcome to the Spring Quarter of Growth Groups!

This week we kick off our Spring Growth Group quarter. Your first meeting will include a potluck dinner, time to get acquainted, as well as time to discuss your Growth Group Covenant. The homework has been shortened this week to allow ample time to accomplish each of these.

To prepare for this week's meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God *change our lives from the inside out!*

MY STORY

1. Thinking back on your high school days, who was your favorite teacher and what was your favorite subject?

2. This weekend, Larry suggested that we learn to ask ourselves, "does this really matter?" to help keep the good from crowding out the best. Can you think of anything in your life that is good but tends to keep you from the best?

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *When Good Crowds Out The Best*, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the story of the Prodigal Son, the focus is often on the younger brother who takes his inheritance and leaves home. However, the older son who stayed home also had his own issues as we read in Luke 15:24-31. After reading the passage, answer the following questions:

How is the older brother's response similar to Martha's response?

What are some behaviors and attitudes that might indicate we are on the same path as the older brother or Martha?

How do you think serving God can become a distraction from "choosing what is better"?

How can 1 Peter 4:7-11 help us gain a healthy perspective on how we serve, what our focus needs to be, and who gets the credit?

2. As we heard this weekend, Martha missed a great opportunity to learn from Jesus because she was so focused on her responsibilities. Unfortunately, life's distractions often cause us to focus our time on less important tasks. What priorities do the following verses encourage us to engage in and not put off until a more "convenient" time?

Psalm 46:10

Matthew 5:23-24

Luke 12:13-21

Looking back at what you wrote above, is there anyone you need to talk to or any action you need to take to make these priorities more a part of your life?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Looking back at Larry's three suggestions for how to keep good from crowding out the best, which of those do you find hardest to do?

What could help you to put this suggestion into practice more consistently?

2. What are you looking forward to or hoping to accomplish in your Growth Group this next quarter?