SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS REFRAME: WEEK 5

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Think of a time in your life when you dedicated yourself to achieving a goal (i.e., running a marathon, getting out of debt, etc.). How did having that goal change your lifestyle? What level of commitment did it take for you to achieve that goal? What sacrifices were you willing to make? In what ways should our faith call for this same level of commitment and dedication?

Read Philippians 2:19-30. As you read, underline all the phrases that speak to Timothy and Epaphroditus' commitment to the Gospel. How did their dedication to Christ reveal itself in their actions? What would this sort of devotion look like in our context today?

Paul commended Timothy for having a "genuine concern" for other people. Have you ever known anyone like that? How did they show concern for others? How did you know their feelings were genuine? How does their example motivate you to show this same level of concern for others?

Ben said, "Jesus doesn't just want your salvation; He wants your attention." Why is it so difficult for us to give Jesus our undivided attention? What are some things in your life that jockey for your attention and devotion? What are some practical ways we can give Jesus our attention in our day-to-day lives?

Reread Philippians 2:21. There, Paul talks about the differences between our interests and the interests of Jesus Christ. As a group, make a list of the things that normally interest us. Then, make a list of the things you think would interest Jesus. How do these lists compare/contrast? How should this change the way we order our interests?

What are some obstacles you are currently facing in your life? Do you tend to view these things as limitations or as opportunities? Why? How do you think God might use these obstacles as opportunities for His Kingdom? Spend some time praying for these obstacles and for God to show you how He might be working in the midst of them.