

VI. CONCLUSION

Love at the level of the individual (love your neighbor).

Love at a structural level (love your neighborhood).

Core Seminars – Neighboring *Week 3*



What Will Last?

I. INTRODUCTION

Of all the things you do in this life, what has lasting value?

Is there eternal value in things that are not spiritual?

II. MULTIPLE SPEEDS OF IMPORTANCE

Of all the things you do in this life, what has lasting value?

Error #1: only spiritual things are important.

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Error #2: all aspects of loving your neighbor have equal value.

- Historically: post-millennialism
- Transformationalism

III. CONTINUITY AND DISCONTINUITY

Passages that stress continuity between this world and the next:

- Romans 8:20
- Revelation 21:22
- Isaiah 61:4

Passages that stress discontinuity between this world and the next:

- Psalm 102:25-26
- Matthew 24:35
- 2 Peter 3:7-10

Summary: This world really is passing away, though that doesn't mean that the things we do in this world are unimportant. The Bible contains some intriguing hints of continuity between this world and the next, but they are *only* hints; we are unwise to base the importance of our worldly work on a hope that our work product will last into eternity

IV. MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

Genesis 1

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Verse 28 without verse 27 is idolatry.

The error of assuming that something must last into eternity in order to have eternal value.

V. HOW NEIGHBORING GLORIFIES GOD

1. It shows off the work of God in our hearts.
2. It shows that God's image-bearers are worthy of love.
3. It advertises what God is like (1 Peter 2:12).
4. It teaches you the glory of what God is like.
5. It gives God pleasure as we re-discover his wisdom.