MAS Mentoring

First Term: Meeting Two

Preparation

- Read chapter two in *The Holiness of God* by R.C. Sproul and answer the questions at the end of the chapter. If you have not read chapter one, do that first. Be prepared to discuss with your mentor. I suggest you pick two to three questions to discuss.
- Look over any course assignments that may need to be discussed with your mentor.
- Read the section of **Devotion** below. You may want to share how Devotion is going. Is there a particular routine you have? Are there particular barriers or roadblocks you are facing? If this is not a regular part of your day and you are struggling to get this going, start small, even if it's five minutes a day.
- If you have anything personal you would like to discuss, you are free to share. Again, this is confidential between you and your mentor.
- Your mentor may ask if you have any specific prayer needs. Is there something you desire prayer for? You could share that.

Meeting

1. Either you or the mentor can open with prayer.
2. They may ask you, "Is there anything you want to make sure we talk about today"? Or, you can just tell them what you want to talk about.
3. Discuss *The Holiness of God* (chapters one and/or two). Share with each other your answers from the chapter.
4. Discuss with them **Devotion** (see below).
5. If they ask you if there is anything they can prayer for, you could also ask them, as well. How can you pray for them?
6. Close in prayer. Again, either one of you can pray.

Devotion

This year, the students (and mentors) are reading R.C. Sproul's book. Alongside that, we are also emphasizing taking time to be with God, reading His Word and praying. We're calling that **Devotion**. Why the emphasis on Sproul's book and **Devotion**? Our hope and desire is the book and time with God will inflame in us a knowledge and love of our Lord. We want to be worshipers, in awe of Him, seeking to have a daily rhythm in which we are communing

with Him. Now, that is ultimately the work of the Spirit and we trust God will use our faith to draw us in to that fellowship with Him.

We believe the time is about being with your heavenly Father, that you are in relationship with Almighty God. You can be with Him, talk to Him, listen to Him. He loves you; you are his beloved child. That being said, here is what it is not about: It's not about getting God to love or like you more. It's not about pleasing your mentor or getting a good grade. It's not about keeping you life free from trial if you spend time with God. And, it is not about checking it off your daily "to do" tasks.

Now, are there days, in which you may feel like you're "going through the motions" or checking it off a list? Yes. That is not unusual. The key is to keep showing up. As a friend of mine has said over the years, "Keep showing up, Bob. Something good is bound to happen."

What happens if I miss a day? Pick up where you left off. We don't believe your heavenly Father is mad at you because you missed the day(s). He is there and if you do miss, He is there tomorrow. The most important point is He loves you and is there.

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