

Scott Nickell's Final Message - "Later. Love ya. Bye"

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Community:

1. What is your favorite memory of Scott or most memorable quote from him?
2. How has Scott's teaching influenced your life and your faith?

Core:

1. **Read Romans 11:33-36.** What can we learn about the character of God from these verses? What do you think Paul (and God) are conveying in Romans 11:36?
2. How do you discern God's will for your life? Where have you experienced God directing your life in the past—and where do you feel God directing you now? Is there any area of your life where you are struggling to discern God's will for your life?
3. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** Scott said, "*Right thinking leads to transformational living*". With that in mind, what do you think it means to *renew your mind*? What do you think it means to "*not conform to the patterns of this world*"? How do you think renewing your mind and not conforming to the world can help you discern God's will for your life?
4. **Read Psalm 16:11.** Scott said, "*Everything belongs to Jesus*" and that "*God wants good for you*". Ask yourself, do you ever have a hard time believing that God's intentions toward you are good? What makes you struggle to believe that?
5. Scott also said, "*You are going to lay your life down on the altar of something, so it might as well be the right thing*". If you were honest with yourself, what are the things that you are giving the most time and attention to in your life? Do they take priority over God?
6. Would you say that there are certain *good things* that have become *ultimate things*? What would it look like for you to reprioritize your life in order to actually place God at the forefront of your life over those things?
7. **Read 2nd Corinthians 1:3-4.** Scott reminded us of one of his familiar sayings which is, "*Don't get from anyone or anything what you can only get from God*". Ask yourself, what do you normally seek comfort in? What about those things provide comfort for you? What do you think it looks like to seek your ultimate comfort from God?

Challenge:

Scott wanted to leave us with what he's been teaching lately:

"God's grace is not always gentle, but it's always good".

Spend time daily this week reading **Philippians 2:1-11** and reflect on how God has shown us grace through the work and gift of His son Jesus.

Thank you Scott. Later. Love ya. Bye.