

# City Life Church

Higher Level Math ~ Sharon Thomas

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## Introduction

- Personal story
- Romans 12:2 - God is calling us up to think and live with a renewed mind... to value and count and assess things as He does.
- Look at 6 Math Lessons from God's Word... certainly not all of them... but 6 important ones

## Math Lesson #1

### Our nothing + God's LIFE = Abundance

- John 10:10 - Jesus came to add the fullness of His LIFE to our nothingness and the sum is Abundance. That is the only way to experience Abundant Life.
- Our minds need to be renewed to think in this way... not in striving, not in performance, but in adding our nothing to His LIFE, we will experience abundance.

## Math Lesson #2

### Multiplication Power

- Matthew 14:14-21 – Jesus is the Great Multiplier. We are never needy people without resource... Jesus says, "Bring what you have to ME!"
- Our minds need to be renewed to think in this way... we can always bring our lack to Jesus, He has infinite multiplication power!

## Math Lesson #3

### Heart > \_\_\_\_\_

- Luke 21:1-4 – The heart is greater than... Jesus sees inside of our hearts.
- Additional Scriptures: Proverbs 4:23, Proverbs 21:2, Hebrews 4:13, Proverbs 27:13
- Our minds need to be renewed to think in this way... we can never hide our hearts from God, He sees them and values them as greater than any action we could ever do for Him, because He knows that the wellsprings of life flow from our hearts. The condition of our hearts should not cause us to despair, because we can trust in the goodness of God to change our hearts as seen in the next math lesson.

## Math Lesson #4

### God > our hearts

- I John 3:20 – God is greater than the condition of our hearts. He can change our hearts to be big enough to contain the fullness needed to live out the destinies for which He created us.
- Additional Scripture: Psalm 119:32
- Our minds need to be renewed to think in this way... God is greater than our hearts. In any place that our heart is lacking, as we run towards God's Truth, He will change our hearts and enlarge them to hold the great things He has for us.

## Math Lesson #5

### Death = Life

- II Corinthians 4:6-14 – Paul learned this high level math lesson from the Holy Spirit... that as we carry about the death of Christ, taking up our cross and following Him, being willing to die to self and serve Him, life will come forth, for ourselves and for those around us.
- Additional Scripture: Matthew 16:24-26
- Our minds need to be renewed to think in this way... as we take up our cross and die to our minds, will and emotions, being willing to suffer with Christ, we will experience resurrection life.

## Math Lesson #6

### Count as Loss

- Philippians 3:7-8 – Counting is elementary, but in this case, high level, because Paul learned to count everything else as nothing, as trash, compared to knowing Christ.
- Additional Scripture: James 1:17
- Our minds need to be renewed to think in this way... everything good in this life is a gift from the Father, but there is no greater gift than knowing Christ, He should have the highest place in our hearts first and then it will purely be expressed in our actions. And if that is not the case, we go back to Math Lesson #4, knowing He can change our hearts. And we go back to Math Lesson #1 which reminds us of His good intentions for us as He changes us.

## Conclusion

- Math requires repetitive practice and so does this higher level of spiritual math.
- We must do our homework practice on each of these Math Lessons as well as many others that we find in Scripture.
- The Lord is calling us up!
- O Lord, renew our minds!