

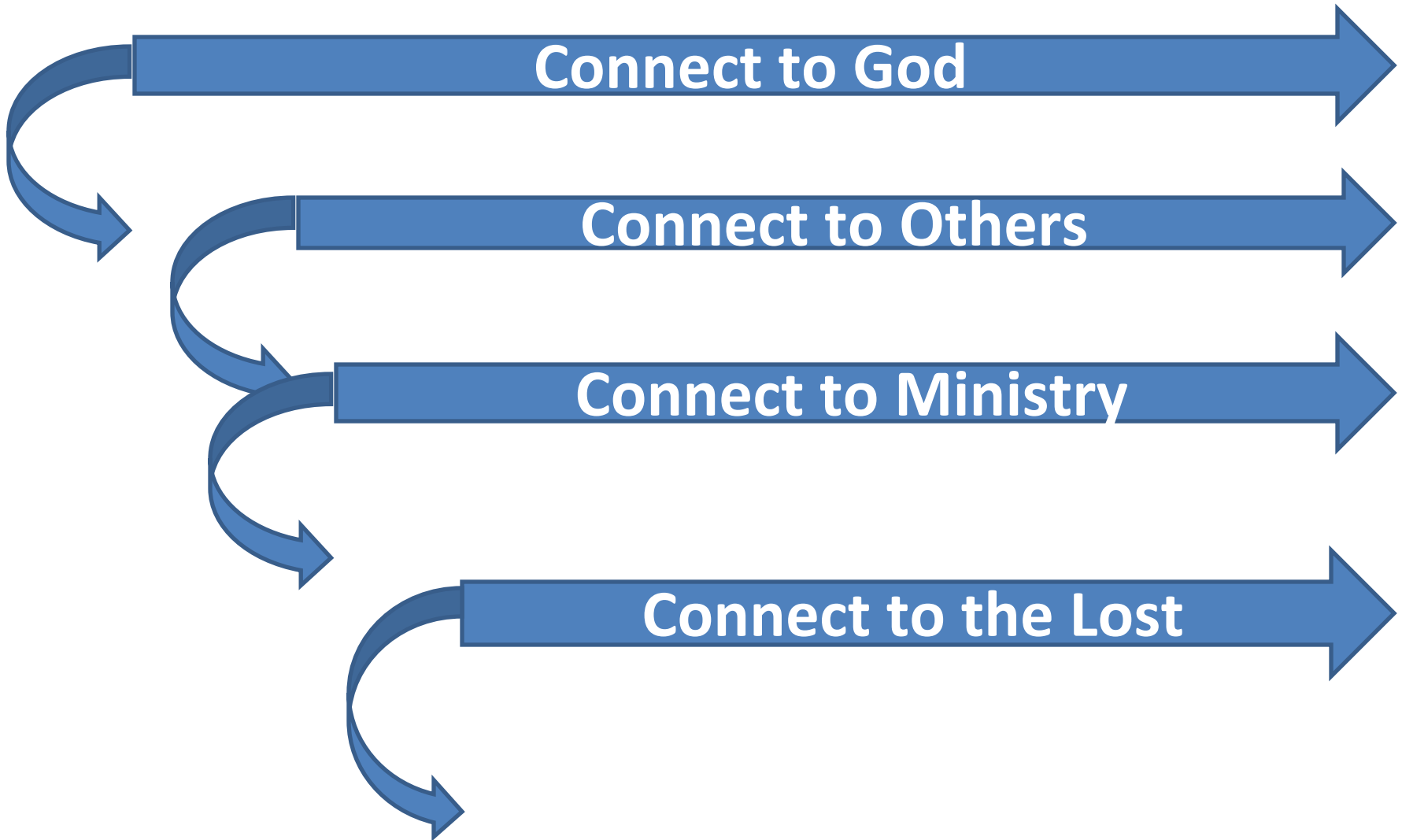
# **“Connecting People to the Lost”**

*Title: A Radical Change in Priorities*

*Text: Matthew 6:25-34*

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# Simple Church



# A problem of...

- *...distorted perspective invariably leads to a problem of misplaced priorities.*

# Your perspective...

- *...helps you determine what should be first...your priorities help you keep putting first things first.*

# The Pharisees' ...

- *...perspective*
- *As long as it looks good on the outside, it does not matter what is on the inside.*

# ***Righteousness***

- ***“Beware of practicing your righteousness (religion) before men to be noticed by them...” (Matt. 6:1)***

# ***Giving***

- ***“So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do...SO that they may be honored by men” (Matt. 6:2)***

# *Praying*

- *“When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray...so that they may be seen by men.” (Matt. 6:5)*

# ***Fasting***

- ***“Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do...so that they will be noticed by men...” (Matt. 6:16)***

# The Issue

- *Their highest priority was social status.*

Misplaced  
priorities is  
a bit like...



...getting  
the cart  
before  
the horse

# **Kingdom Principles**

- 1) Earthly treasures do not last**  
**Matt 6:19-20**

# Kingdom Principles

2) Clear spiritual vision is absolutely essential

**Matt 6:22-23**

# **Kingdom Principles**

**3) We cannot serve two masters**

**Matt 6:24**

# Matthew 6:25ff

- ***“For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about you life...nor your body...But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness...”***

# Context

- *Since we know that earthly treasures do not last, and we know that we have clear spiritual vision, and we know we have chosen to serve the right master then worry is inconsistent with who we are...we must keep seeking*

**...but what are you  
seeking?**

Seeking to please God?

or

Seeking to please self?

# Lesson 1

- *Worry is incompatible with Common sense (6:27)*
- *If you can't do anything about it, why worry*

# Lesson 2

- *Worry is incompatible with Christian Faith(6:30)*
- *Either God is trustworthy or He is not*

# Lesson 3

- *Worry is incompatible with commitment to God's agenda (6:31-34)*
- *It's God's agenda and not our agenda*

# God's Kingdom Agenda

- *Jesus came to seek and the save those that are lost. That is God's kingdom agenda.*

# God's Kingdom Perspective

- *For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life..*

# God's Kingdom Priority

- *We must work the works of Him who sent us while it is day, for night is coming when no man can work*