



Why Does God Matter? – Pastor Mark Pope  
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1. According to Google, the 20 most important things for life are – health, family, friends, love, purpose, passion, wellness, education, time, water, food, sleep, music, money, positivity, communication, memories, compassion, freedom, and gratitude. What things are on your must-have list for life?
2. How quick did you notice that God wasn't even part of that list? How would you reorder that google list?
3. Read John 15:1-6 God matters because He is a productive gardener. What are some things God might prune in us? How could this help us become more fruitful?
4. Read James 4:14 When Pastor Mark spritzed the mist into the air and said "this is your life," what was your reaction? Is your life producing any lasting fruit? Explain.
5. Read Luke 16:19-24 Share your understanding of hell and the idea that "the risks and rewards are real." What would you say to those who contend that hell doesn't exist?
6. Pastor Mark shared that "death is a continuation of our present relationship with God"; "without connection to God, we will be removed from God." Agree or Disagree? Share your response.
7. Ask yourself this week "how much does God matter to me?" What steps will you take to draw near to Him in a deeper way?