



Soon you will be heading off to college and now, all of the sudden, you get to dictate your schedule. What you do, where you go, and how you get there. Is this a responsibility or a freedom? The answer is yes, both. Yet, so often we view these things as only freedoms and not responsibilities to be stewarded.

Discuss:

- 1. Do you view college more as freedom or a responsibility?**
- 2. How does the story of Jesus' incarnation in Philippians 2:6-11 make you view freedoms? (What did he do with his freedom as God?)**

Priorities are talked about often, but do you really know what it means to have priorities? For something to be a priority basically means that it is considered more important than something else. Usually when talking about priorities, individuals think about their schedules and what takes up most of their time.

Discuss:

- 1. Where do you see priorities or prioritizing within scripture?**

It will be incredibly important for you to think through your priorities as you head into college. What are you doing that takes up your time in the day? Everyone has the same amount of time in a day, what do you do with yours?

Discuss:

- 1. What do you think your parents would say are the priorities of college?**

Now it's time to be honest with yourself. All of us know the right answer when it comes to college priorities (academics, sleep, healthy habits, etc.), but what is it that you really are going to college for? Write out a list of the things you are most excited for in college in order of excitement. It is really good to be excited for college, and all aspects of it, so do not be ashamed if fun or friends is on your list. Yet, at the same time be honest with yourself and realize that what is on your list are your true priorities.

Is 'spiritual growth' or 'serving' or 'church involvement' on your list? Again, it is ok if these things are not, but you must recognize where your true priorities are.

Discuss:

1. What are you called to prioritize as a Christian? (Remember God wants holistic growth for his people).
2. What do you do if your spiritual priorities did not show up on your list?
3. Read James 3:15-16.
  - What do selfish ambitions lead to? Why would we talk about selfish ambitions and priorities together?