Introduction

Do we matter?
“Our deepest fear is that no one cares, because we aren’t worth caring about.” Max Lucado

If we are building our self worth on what we do or have or who we cheer for, that’s a pretty shaky foundation.

I. We have great worth because God made us.

We were made in the image of God.
“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27
“We are fearfully and wonderfully made.” Psalm 139:13
God knows everything about us. God values us not for what we have or do, but for who we are. That truth changes lives.

II. We have great worth because God loves us.

In Matthew 10, Jesus chooses the twelve disciples and sends them on their first assignment.

- He gives them instructions. “Preach the kingdom of heaven is near.”
- He gives them power. “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and drive out demons.”
- He gives them this warning. “Be on your guard against men.”

Don’t be afraid. Verses 26-30

Truth will triumph.

Verses 26-27

- It will all be revealed in the end, so don’t be afraid to boldly declare his truth today.

Death is not final. Verse 28

- Fear God, not man. “The body they may kill, God’s truth abideth still, his kingdom is forever.” Martin Luther

God cares for you.

Verses 29-30

- If God cares for the sparrows, won’t he care for you?
Don’t ever doubt his love.

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39

III. We have great worth because Christ died for us.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” Romans 8:31-32

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10
How do we know what that work is that God wants us to do?

We surrender our life to Christ and let him lead us.

Conclusion

Do we matter?
When we come to know Christ, we are accepted into his family. We belong to him.

When we come to know Christ, we learn how much he loves us. He died for us.

When we come to know Christ, we find meaning and significance. He invites us to join him in his great work of bringing the gospel to the ends of the earth.