

Present Over Perfect  
Week 1 - We Have a Problem  
Sunday, January 6, 2019  
Pastor Scott Savage

We expect a shortage...

The allure of perfect...

**BIG IDEA:** The life we want cannot be \_\_\_\_\_; it can only be \_\_\_\_\_.

**PASSAGE:** Matthew 11:28-30

**3 Ways We Get Things Mixed Up:**

1. We live at a \_\_\_\_\_ pace, preventing us from paying \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28)

2. We seek to remain in \_\_\_\_\_, instead of embracing \_\_\_\_\_ and trust.

3. We \_\_\_\_\_ what God has given to \_\_\_\_\_ with what God has given \_\_\_\_\_.

**Next Steps:**

1. Identify the arena of life where you're trying to \_\_\_\_\_ what God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Begin your own quiet rebellion against \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Start each day this week with a posture of \_\_\_\_\_.

**A Prayer Exercise...**

**Discussion Questions:**

- How did God speak to you personally through today's message?
- Read Matthew 11:28-30 as a group in the ESV, NCV, MSG and AMP translations. As you read these various translations of Jesus' words, what grabs your attention?
- In the beginning of his message, Pastor Scott shared that we live busy and loud lives. In what ways do those words describe your life? In what ways are they the opposite of your life? (Remember, this group is a place for authenticity and acceptance - there's no need to perform or have it all together.)
- Pastor Scott shared 3 ways we tend to mix things up. Which of those 3 tends to trip you up the most? How did God speak to you during that particular section?
- In the Next Steps section, we were invited to identify the arena of life where we're tempted to achieve what God wants us to receive. If you're comfortable, share your arena and what you feel the next thing God wants you to do is as a result of what you heard today.
- Take time as a group to practice receiving, following the prayer exercise Pastor Scott led us in at the end of the message.

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