



# Men's Golf Fellowship

## Speaker Discussion Questions

**Bill Kramer**

**Spiritual Topics: Choices and Decisions, Accounting for your Life, God's Will for your Life, Influence**

### About the Talk

Naples High School football coach Bill Kramer spoke of how God challenged him to begin living his life intentionally for God in all that he did. His life challenges us to begin living as a missionary wherever we are, seeking God's will in all that we do and living as though we were going to give an account for our lives.

### Discussion Questions

- Bill talked extensively about the struggle he went through in making the decision to come to Naples to coach the high school football team. He did not want to come, but said he felt that God clearly wanted him there. He said that, left to his own devices, he will not make good choices. What do you think he meant by that? Do you agree with that? In your life have you made mostly good choices? What is a bad choice you have made? How did you come to the conclusion that it was bad? What are some of your guiding principles in making decisions for your life? **Related Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6 – Choices**
- Bill spoke of his desire to build a coaching staff that would not only build a great team, but would build great people. As he described it, he wanted to build a coaching staff that believed that when they died they will give an account to the creator of the universe as to how they treated those boys. What influences how you treat people? As a group, develop a list of what factors influence how you treat people, such as the person's power, prestige, socio-economic position, etc. Have you ever treated someone well that you don't know, just because of one of these factors? How about the reverse? Have you ever treated someone poorly, because they lacked these qualities? Can you think of a specific time when you treated someone well or poorly? How would it change the way you treat people if you knew with absolute certainty that your interactions would be reviewed at the end of your life? **Related Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:10 – Accountability**

- Bill talked about how one of his players (Rusty) suffered an apparent head injury while playing football and was in a coma for 2 weeks. Bill had always taught his children that the safest and most blessed place to be was in the center of God's will. Thinking that was where he was as the Naples football coach, he began a time of struggle and questioned that type of thinking because of Rusty's injury. Have you ever thought of your life as being either being in or out of God's will? What does it mean to be in God's will? What do you think some of Bill's struggles and questions were? React to this statement: If you live a good and clean life, your life will basically be an easy one. **Related Scripture: Luke 9:23 – Being in God's Will**
- Bill went on to talk about the first time they won the state championship in 2001. As they were driving home they picked up a police escort and cars were pulled off the road in order to honor the team. At that point he stood up on the bus and challenged his team with another question, "Now that we have won a championship, you have some influence. What are you going to do with your influence?" What type of influence do or did you have in your life? Do you think you use your influence now and do you think you use it well or not? How did you come to that conclusion? What indicators did you use? Describe one time that you did not use your influence well. **Related Scripture: John 15:26**

### **Closing Prayer**

**God, I confess that I have not always lived my life and made choices with you in mind. Please forgive me for that and help me to be more aware of you during those decision times in my life. Help me to say no to myself and yes to you on a more consistent basis. Amen.**