



First Things First

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1. _____ for the _____! (*Jeremiah 29:11*)

2. _____ from the _____. (*Philippians 3:12-14*)

3. Formation of _____. (*Romans 12:2 MSG*)

HABIT #1: Focus On What I Do First!

(*Genesis 1:1; Exodus 20:1-3, 31:13; Matthew 24:35-38; Revelation 22:13*)

1. Put _____: (*Romans 12:1; Matthew 6:33*)

2. Give God The _____.

• First of my _____.

• First of my _____. (*Leviticus 27:30; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Matthew 6:21 ESV; Psalm 90:12 NASB*)

• First of my _____. (*Heb. 10:25*)

• First of my _____. (*Psalm 63:1 NKJV; Mark 1:35 NIV*)

Matthew 6:33 NIV

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Midweek Small Group Discussion:

Priorities — Matthew 6:19-34

According to Matthew 4:19, one quality of a disciple is “following Jesus.” In what way(s) have you followed Jesus in the past week?

Read Matthew 6:19-34. Allow 2 minutes for silent reflection after the reading.

Describe the alternative to storing up treasures on earth. (verses 19-21)

Describe the alternative to a dark life. (verses 22-23)

Describe the alternative to a monetary master. (verse 24)

In what ways do you see anxiety and worry impacting the Bay Area? Have you succumbed to the anxiety and worry of our culture? How is it impacting you?

How would you define “the kingdom” that Jesus refers to in verse 33?

The word “first” in Matthew 6:33 could also be worded as “Above all else,” “foremost,” or “chiefly.” Reflect on the narrative of your life. What has been your chief or foremost pursuit throughout your life? Has it been a search for an object such as a large home or a big 401K?

Has it been a search to fill a void such as acceptance or approval? Has it been a striving for a particular title or status in life?

How does a person actually and practically “seek” the Kingdom? How does it differ from a game of “Hide ‘n Seek”? How might it be similar?

In verse 34, what is Jesus saying here? “Do not worry about tomorrow...”

- A) Don’t plan ahead
- B) Do plan ahead so that you don’t have to worry
- C) Live it up today
- D) Just accept whatever happens when it comes
- E) Trust God with things you cannot control

If you were to take this passage seriously, how would it affect the following areas of your life?

- Your work life
- Your bank account
- Your family life
- Your friendships
- Your mission and ministry to others

What will be your primary way to “seek His kingdom” this week?