

Discussion Guide – Pray First

Main Idea

For the second week of this series, Pastor Matt taught us on the principle of first. All throughout the Bible, we see that when we give God our first and best, He always blesses the rest. This applies to our time, our talent and our treasure. It even applies in our prayer life. Too often, we use prayer as a last resort, but it should be the first response that we have. If we want to see God show up in our situation, we need to change our perspective, and go to Him first in prayer.

Make It Practical

- Give God the first of my year with prayer and fasting
- Give God the first of my month with tithes and offerings
- Give God the first of my week with consistent church attendance and a true Sabbath
- Give God the first of my day with the Word, worship, and prayer

"But <u>seek first</u> his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"

Matthew 6:33

Talk About It

- 1. Why is prayer often our last resort, instead of our first response? What are some things that will help you make it your first response?
- 2. In what ways have you put God first in your life already? In what ways does take second place?
- 3. Pastor Matt said that "the first has the power to bless the rest." In what ways have you seen this to be true in your life?
- 4. What is your typical routine first thing in the morning? Are there any things that you want to change about that routine?
- 5. Out of the 4 practical ways to make God first in your year, month, week, and day, which are the easiest for you? And which are the hardest?

RESCUE HOUSE

"The first has the power to bless the rest"

Prayer

Jesus, we pray that whatever happens to us or around us, that our first response would be prayer as we seek you first. We commit to come to you first in our time of need and joy. We are grateful to serve a God who is always available to us! In Your name, Amen.

Scriptures Used

Genesis 1:1, Genesis 4:2-5, Exodus 20:1-3, Leviticus 27:30, Proverbs 3:9-10, Matthew 6:33, Acts 10:38, Deuteronomy 14:23, Malachi 3:10-12, Luke 4:16, Mark 1:35, Psalm 5:3,

