



First Priority

Main Scripture: Revelation 2:2-7

Additional Scriptures: Luke 10:38-42,
Isaiah 62:1-4, Psalm 77:11-12, Hebrews 10:32-39

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- **Read Revelation 2:2-7.** Jesus said to the church of Ephesus that the first commandment was no longer a priority for them despite all the good things that they had done and were doing. What are some ways that we can get sidetracked from keeping the first commandment the first priority?
- “Heading into a season of prayer and fasting, can we make our priority the first commandment of loving Jesus?” How can you as a small group help each other to ensure that the first commandment stays your first priority?
- Ministry can be a distraction of the more noble mission of loving Jesus. What do you think Pastor Robbie meant by this? How do we ensure that ministry does not take the place of intimacy with Jesus?
 - Why do you think so many people struggle with this?
- **Read Luke 10:38-42.** Why do you think that the Bible says that Mary chose what is better? Aren't there places in the Kingdom both for resting at the feet of Jesus and doing the work of the ministry? Explain your answer and try to back it up with Scripture.
- We live through other people who are giving everything to what they are passionate about because we are not giving ourselves fully to something we are passionate about. Is this true in your life? If so, who are you living through?
 - What passions has God called you to that are simply sitting on the shelf?
- **Read Isaiah 62:1-5.** Jesus is king and the bridegroom. He is not just telling us everything you need to do but is also a husband who wants to know you. He is coming after you. He is in pursuit of you. His aim is us! Is this hard for you to comprehend that God is pursuing you? Why do you think that is? Explain.
- **Read Revelation 2:5 & Hebrews 10:32-39.** Pastor Robbie said we need to remember, repent, and return to the Lord. He also said we need to ensure we remember the right things. Don't grab the wrong bag and dwell on your failures. Remember Jesus! Remember what He has done. What are some bad memories that Satan will always try to throw back in your face? What are some exploits or miracles that the Lord has done to counter those?
 - How do we keep our mind focused on the goodness of God and not let Satan overrun our thoughts with his lies and schemes?