



Putting Christ First (Priorities)

- **Icebreaker: What kind of priorities do you and your friends have in life and how is it shown?**

- **Some of my personal experiences in maintaining balance and priorities ...**
 - 18-year old college mistakes ...
 - Working for the General ...
 - Trading my commission for the Great Commission ...

- **Biblical Basis of why we should put Christ first ...**

- Matthew 6:25-34 (key verse is 33)

- Challenge _____
- Promise _____

- Matthew 22:34-40: What does this verse teach us about priorities?

- Luke 9:23-26

- How does it look to put God and Christ first in our lives?

- Colossians 3:23-24

- What does this verse teach us about priorities and how to live?

- Whole-hearted excellence for the Lord
- Not perfection, why does that matter?



- **How do these areas of our life show what our priorities really are?**

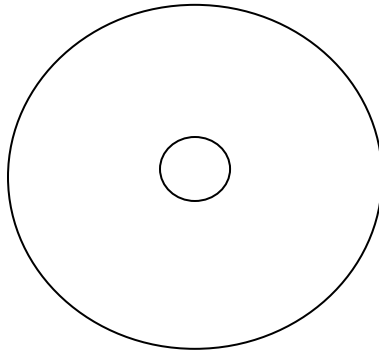
- Our time ... _____
- Our Money ... _____
- Our relationships ... _____
- Other Areas of life ... _____

- **Group Exercise: How do you think that God wants us to order the following priorities and why? (Hints: Matthew 6:33, Matthew 22:34-40, Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 5:25-27)**

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| ___ Career | ___ Spouse or relationships |
| ___ Hobbies/Fun | ___ Kids |
| ___ Our Relationship with God | ___ Money |
| ___ Ministry to others | |

- **The Pie of Life**

- How many slices in your pie? Is Christ in the center on the throne in His rightful place (Luke 6:46)?



Memory Verse (Put Christ First):

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

Closing: Take a moment to pray that God will help you give His kingdom and His righteousness first priority in all areas of your life. Ask God to show you what might be currently replacing Jesus as your number one priority in life? Write that thing down here and give it over to the Lord:
