

Jesus First

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Matt. 6:31-33; Prov. 3:9-10; Phil. 3:9-16

Were the Ephesians bad people? _____ Poor Christians? _____

What was the “first love” Jesus said the Ephesians had left? _____

What do you think the Ephesians thought when they heard Jesus’ words?

In groups answer the following questions from the passages listed above:

What should be priority? _____

What should be secondary? _____

Is there a promise made for those who keep the first thing first? _____

If so, what? _____

Given the following general categories, list some activities that fall into each category and then prioritize them 1-10:

Category	Example activities	Priority
Work	job, caring for children, cleaning	___
Ministry	_____	___
Parenting	_____	___
Devotion/God	_____	___
Family	_____	___
Close friendships	_____	___
Self	_____	___
Spouse	_____	___
Hobbies/Activities	_____	___
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Does your life reflect proper priorities?

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