



Relationship with God - Session 8: Is God the Center of Your Life?

***{Start with reviewing the previous Meetings Challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week's challenge.}**

Opening Prayer: Begin with a brief moment of silence shaking off any and all distractions or difficulties of the day and remembering that God is always with us.

Read: Leviticus 27:30, Proverbs 3:9, Ezekiel 44:30, 1 Cor 15:20-23, Romans 8:23, Romans 12:1

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer: (Optional – Leader may distribute copies of this prayer to each group member to pray together as a group.)

God, help me to make You the center of my life. May I not be so foolish as to try and hide parts of my life from You. Give me the courage to give You everything that I am -- to give you a blank check. Amen.

Reflection or Discussion Question:

1. Each of these verses talks about “first fruits.” Did anything strike you as new or interesting as you heard them read?

YouTube Video: Fr. Mike Schmitz (4:35 Min) “Is God in the Center of Your Life?” -

<https://youtu.be/O6kDFgaq4Pg>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

2. What does it mean to have God in the CENTER of your life?
3. Is God your priority or one of your “priorities?”
4. What happens to you when you make time with God the most important part of your day?
5. What are ways you can honor God with your money?
6. Does your faith influence what you listen to or watch on TV or the Internet?
7. What is one thing you’d like to start putting God ahead of?

Session Challenges: {Choose one, two, three, or all}

- Choose one day of the week to put God first and evaluate how that day went.
- Prioritize God first by placing prayer time on your daily schedule.
- Identify if you can give 1% more of your money or time in direct service to God.
- Examine your entertainment sources and prioritize what you consume to those sources that will draw you closer to God.

Closing Prayer: (Leaders: We recommended offering time during the closing prayer for participants to offer personal intentions.)

Dear God, help us to place You at the center of our lives. Reveal to us where we put other things in front of You, especially in how we spend our time and money and what we allow to enter our minds through media and other outlets. Grant us the insight to see clearly how we can always give You our first fruits and seek out what is holy and edifying. We lift up our hearts to You and offer our individual intentions that may be weighing heavy on our hearts at this time.... {allow time for people to offer up any prayers for themselves or others} We pray for these intentions and those left unsaid. In your name, Jesus Christ, Amen.