



YP at Trinity Baptist Church

Bexleyheath

D I G I T A L C H U R C H

Sunday Teaching

18th Oct 2020

“Putting God First”



Ice Breaker



What word links
these pictures?



Aa





Read

Exodus 20:3

Proverbs 3:5-6

Matthew 6:33

Matthew 22:37-40



What do these readings tell us about the place God should have in our lives?

Some people will tell you that putting God first means missing out on all the **exciting things in life**, that it means **never having any fun!**

This is what Satan wants us to believe. He fills our minds, our thoughts with one of the greatest lies ever told; that is by being a Christian and putting God first, we are missing out on life.

Take a **look** at this short video...



[Oliver Cromwell Bans Fun
– Horrible Histories](#)

God does not want us to live a life that is boring nor does he want us to “miss out”. In fact, God wants us to have a full life. Jesus says in John 10:10:

“A thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but I came to give life—life in all its fullness.”

Think About

Take a **look** at the quotes below and **discuss** what you think they may mean.



Putting God first doesn't mean never doing anything else, nor does it mean never having any fun.

It means putting the things in your life into the right order. That is, living a life with God as the most important thing – the first thing in your life. After all, God created you and knows you, he knows what “makes you tick” and what your “best life” should be.

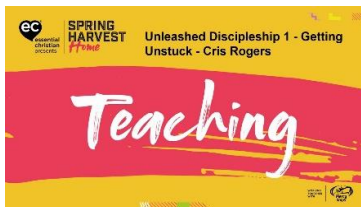
Now ask yourself these questions:

And what does it mean to put God first in our lives?

Does He take the first position in your life?

Does He come first?

Now, take a look at the *You Tube* clip from teaching delivered by Cris Rogers in the link below. It's part of a longer video, which we will be looking at over the coming weeks. In the video Cris takes the word **"F.I.R.S.T"** and uses it to explain, in practical ways, how we should be putting God first in our lives.



[Unleashed Discipleship 1 – Cris Rogers – Putting God First 11m26s](#)

This week we will focus on the letters **"F"** and **"I"** covered by Cris in the video from **the time stamps: 11:26-17:32**.

We will be looking at the other letters from **"F.I.R.S.T"** in subsequent weeks so remember to stop the video after the letter **"I"** (17m32s) if you don't want any spoilers.



Questions

- 1. Is God just your hobby?***
- 2. What does Cris mean by:***
"Where your money is your heart will follow"?
- 3. Is God front and centre in your interests?***
- 4. What does your google search history tell you about your real interests? How important God is in these?***

Reflect

Recently I was reminded of a song with these lyrics:

*“You’re not the only song I sing
but I love you most of all*

*You’re not the only dream I dream
but I hear your spirit call*

*You’re not the only road I walk
but I know that you’re the way*

*You’re not the only friend that comes
but you’re the one who stays”*

From *You Are There* by John de Jong

I think that the lyrics sum up nicely how putting God first in our lives works.

Now you have a go at **writing** your own sentences, in the style of these lyrics above, reflecting ways in which you can put God first. My attempt would look something like this:

*You’re not the only song I sing
but you’re the only one I worship*

Or

*You’re not the only book I read
but its only your Word that I believe*



Pray

Spend some time **praying** asking God to:

1. Help you to put Him first in your life.
2. Ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit to strengthen and guide you day by day.
3. Say sorry to Him for the times when other things have taken his place as Number 1.



Your response:

Make a specific **commitment**, this week **in practical ways**, to put God first in your finances (how you use your pocket money etc.) and in your interests.



Song of the week

[First – Lauren Daigle](#)

