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Main Text: John 6:60-66

Optional Ice Breaker

Have everyone take a piece of paper and write down their top 7 priorities in an average week. Make sure they don't write their name on the paper. Now, have everyone fold their papers and turn them all in to a preselected reader. The reader will read a paper's priorities, and then everyone tries to guess who that paper belongs to. Repeat this guessing game until all the papers are read. Whoever guesses the most correctly, wins the game.

The BIG IDEA

Understanding the importance of making God first in our lives.

Getting in the Word

Have someone read **Matthew 6:21** to the group. What are some "treasures" in our culture that have overtaken people's lives?

Jump down to **Matthew 6:33**, and have someone read that to the group. Ask if anyone would share an example of how their life changed because they made God the first priority.

Read the following C.S. Lewis quote, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, is of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." This philosophy makes a lot of sense, but it seems a lot of Christians ignore the fact that God is only of moderate importance in their lives. Ask someone to read **Matthew 7:21-23**, which talks about people who don't make God their top priority. Why do you think many people ignore Jesus' warning of what will happen if we're not "all in" with God?

Read **John 6:60-66** together and answer the following questions:

- The disciples make a legitimate point in **verse 60**, what are some hard truths in the Bible that are hard for us to accept?
- In **verse 63**, Jesus explains that everything He teaches is coming from the Holy Spirit, and that the Spirit's words give life. What type of life is Jesus talking about, and why doesn't the flesh have any value in that life?
- **Verses 64-66** show Jesus knew some of these disciples would walk away from Him, which they end up doing. Based off their example, what will happen to someone who doesn't fully commit to God? Is this result a possibility or an eventuality? Why or why not?

Last week, Joe talked about the "TGIF" (Today, God is First) motto. Is this motto a helpful reminder to make God your top priority? What are some things in your daily life that sometimes takeover as top priority (maybe they're on your *Ice Breaker* lists)? How can you make God first in your life, even in front of those other priorities?