



God Gets The First Part Of Our Day

MAIN THING

A day hemmed in by prayer is unlikely to unravel

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:4, Romans 8:14-15, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Matthew 6:5-8

ICEBREAKER

If God approached me and said, "You can ask for one thing and I'll say yes to whatever it is" what would you ask for?

OPENING THOUGHT

Relationships require time. They require a prioritization of time. No one has enough time to do everything that is required of you, therefore you have to say yes to some things and no to others. Unfortunately, many of the most important things in life don't shout for our attention, and we continually give our time and attention to the loudest and most urgent things rather than the most important things. Our relationship with God is no different. Without intentional prioritization, we relegate our relationship with God to whatever is leftover, if anything.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If a friend were to ask you, 'What was one thing your pastor said in his sermon on Sunday?' what would you say?
2. When we give God the first part of our day, it does three things: 1) Prepares us to fight temptation, Builds relationship with God, and 3) Aligns us with God's will. Can you think of a time you gave God the first part of your day and He led you in one of these areas?
3. Donovan listed two types of prayers- the Percocet Prayer and the Playdate prayer. We all have that person in our lives that we only hear from when they want something from us. Are you a Percocet prayer or a Playdate prayer?

LIFE APPLICATION

This message was based on giving God the first part of your day, but that's not necessarily literal. Many of us are morning people, but many of us aren't. Many of us have our best hours at night or in the afternoon. Many of us, if we tried to start off our day with God, would actually be giving Him our worst. The point of this message isn't to be legalistic about the time of day- rather, it is to emphasize giving God our best whatever time that is for you.

What are your best hours? When is the house quiet where you can get alone with God with few to no distractions? That's the time to give to God.

CHALLENGE

If your devotional life is on life support or dead, Jesus has fantastic news. He specializes in bringing dead things to life. Without dedicated time of prayer and study of the Bible, we are dying spiritually. What are some things all of us can do to get our devotional lives back on track and begin prioritizing our time with God?