



## Youth Ministry

January 12, 2014



### Lesson:

This week, we finished up our lesson on how to make 2014 our best year ever!

We reviewed why so many New Year's Resolutions fail and how we can help make sure ours do not. We started by letting Jesus be our "Reset" button so that we can start the new year with a clean slate and then talked about how to create successful Visions with goals last week. This week we learned about priorities and how to make sure we keep God as our #1 priority.

We said that we have limited resources so we must prioritize our goals/activities or else some important tasks may never get done. We listed various goals/activities that take up our resources. We discussed how important it is to have a plan and to do things in the right order/priority. We then showed that if the less important tasks like playing video games or watching TV are given a higher priority and are done first then we may not have enough time to fit in the more important activities like school work or having a relationship with God. We also showed that if the more important tasks are given a higher priority and are done first we often have the time to do everything. We should seek help from the Holy Spirit to guide us in creating priorities.

We all agreed that having a relationship with God should be our #1 priority. If we keep God first in our life he will shift us into a higher gear and we'll see opportunity in our life like never before. We said there are three simple questions we can ask ourselves to find out if God is really our #1 priority.

- \* What do I think about most?
- \* What do I pray and talk about most?
- \* What do I do the most with my time?

We acknowledged that we always seem to "Make Time" for things that we really want so if we really want to spend time with God, we'll make time for him. We also said that "Making Time" really isn't anything more than rearranging our priorities. We should ask the Holy Spirit to show us where our priorities are out of line and for help in adjusting our lifestyle to bring our priorities into alignment with God's word and his purpose for our life.

We said that when we are in a relationship we talk. We discussed several simple ways to start making it a point to talk to God every day. We said that most people only talk to God when they are in trouble but often forget to talk to him when things are going well. Even if we just took a minute every morning when we wake up to thank God for another day it would help us make our relationship with God a higher priority in our lives.

We also discussed other high priorities in our lives such as Family, School/Work, Serving and relationships with friends and other believers. Next week we will start talking about our relationship with God as well as our relationship with others.

### **Bible Verse: Proverbs 16:9**

9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.

### **Bible Verse: Proverbs 21:5**

5 The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty.

### **Bible Verse: Exodus 20:3**

3 You shall have no other gods before me.

### **Bible Verse: Matthew 6:33**

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

God Bless,  
Chris & Michelle