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Message: God First

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#### **Connection**

Are you someone who enjoys setting New Year's Resolutions?

#### **Content**

"God First" means understanding that God should be the first priority in how we live our lives as Christians. Sometimes our perspective can stand in the way of keeping God first, for the way we see things affects the way we do things.

## A God-First Perspective Encompasses Our Friends And Family

- **1.** Read John 1:35-46. Why does Peter ask for Nathanael to "come and see" Jesus?
- 2. Jesus asks his disciples to "come follow me." What does this mean?

How does following Jesus affect our perspective on our friends and family?

# A God-First Perspective Clarifies Our Faith

- **3.** Read John 1:47-49 and Psalm 32:2. Nathanael is a great example of someone who had an open heart to respond to Jesus. Describe your own journey of responding to Jesus.
- 4. When have you witnessed someone having a "closed" posture towards Christ?

# **A God-First Perspective Shapes Our Future**

- **5.** Read John 1:50-51 and Genesis 28:10-12. Jesus tells his disciples that he is the "Son of Man". As both God and man, Jesus opens the stairway to heaven for us all, and provides us an eternal future with God. Why is this stairway so important to our faith?
- **6.** Read Genesis 28:13-17. God makes it clear He is with us and around us, and sometimes we aren't even aware of it. When have you experienced God in a way you couldn't even comprehend at first?

### Commitment

**7.** We have the whole of 2025 ahead of us. Name one area of your life you wish to prioritize changing your perspective on, to have a God First perspective?