



Discussion Questions
Sermon title: "The First Piece Priority"
Speaker: Pastor Dale
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Don't feel pressured to cover every single question, especially in the "Let's Dig" section.

Let's Talk

1. If you didn't have to be concerned with making a living, what would you most like to do with the rest of your life?

Let's Dig

1. What is one thing Pastor Dale said that you want to discuss?
2. C. S. Lewis wrote, "God cannot bless us unless he has all of us." For many it is a challenge to give God all of us. What makes it hard to do so? What helps?
3. Pastor Dale gave statistics from a survey about church members. Did the results surprise you? What do you think would help Christians be more fully engaged in their faith?
4. Read Matthew 8:1-3 and Mark 5:21-43. What can we learn from the man with leprosy, Jairus and the sick woman? What do we learn about how Jesus responds to our pleas for help?
5. William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, said, "God had all of me there is." He knew he was not the "best qualified," but he was one of the "most available." The ministry he started has had a profound effect in the world. What can you do this week to become "more available"?
6. Read Matthew 25:14-30. We see right away that God entrusts us with many blessings. What are some ways God has blessed your life? Do you ever struggle with how God does not give identical gifts to everyone? Do you often consider that we each will be held accountable with how we have used the gifts God has given us? What do you think about that?
7. Jesus is passionate about outreach. How were you introduced to Jesus?
8. How are you engaged in introducing others to Jesus? What makes it difficult at times? What is rewarding about it?
9. What is most exciting to you about the ideas being presented for enhancing our facilities for more effective ministry?

Let's Act

1. If you have not already done so, put a note card with "My Father owns everything!" in a prominent place at home, your car or work. Think daily about that truth and then discuss next week as a group the impact this truth is having on your life.

For Next Week

Next week's sermon is titled, "The Quest for Community." Pastor Gary Clark will be speaking. Please read Genesis 1 & 2 and John 17 to prepare.

