

The Message Notes

Message: Community Firstfruits 2021

Sunday: December 12, 2020



TEXT:

I Chronicles 28:9 NLT. “And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the Lord sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. **10.** So take this seriously. The Lord has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work.”

TOPIC: Putting God First – Community Firstfruits 2021

This morning, we want to get back on track as a church family. I believe this year has been a challenging year for us with **COVID 19** and the **presidential election**. We have **politicalized** Jesus Christ or made Him a **social activist**, instead of maintaining Him as our **Savior** and **Lord**.

Luke 19:10 NLT. For the Son of Man came to **seek** and **save** those who are lost.

TALK: How we seek God first:

“God speaks from a **principle, priority, and a promise.**”

PT 1. Know God _____. **v9a.** “And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors **intimately. Worship** and **serve** him with your **whole heart** and a **willing mind**.”

➤ Know His voice

John 10:27 NLT. My sheep **listen to my voice; I know them**, and they follow me.

➤ Worship with Heart and Head

John 4:24. For God is **Spirit**, so those who **worship him must worship in spirit** (heart) and in **truth** (head).

PT 2. Be totally _____. **v.9b.** For the Lord sees **every heart** and **knows every plan** and **thought**. If you **seek**, you will **find him**. But if you **forsake** him, he will **reject** you forever.

➤ You **love** Him first

Matthew 22:37 NLT. Jesus replied, “You **must love** the Lord your God with **all your heart**, all your **soul**, and all your **mind**.” **38.** This is the **first** and greatest commandment.

- You **seek** His **kingdom** first

Matthew 6:33 NKJV. But **seek** first the **kingdom** of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you (he will give you everything you need).

- You **trust** Him first

Proverbs 3:5 NKJV. **Trust** in the Lord with all your heart, And **lean not** on your own understanding; **6.** In all your ways **acknowledge** Him, And He shall direct your paths.

- You **give** to Him the first

Proverbs 3:9-10 LB. **Honor** the Lord by giving him the **first part** of all your **income**, and **he will fill** your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.

PT3. Put away _____ –. **10.** So take this **seriously**. The Lord has **chosen** you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.” (NLT)

I John 5:21 NLT. Dear children, **keep away** from anything that might take God’s place in your hearts (idols).

Revelation – 2:4 NLT. “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t **love** me or each other as you did at first! **5.** Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t **repent**, I will come and **remove** your lampstand from its place among the churches.

Takeaway: We put God first by:

PT 1. Knowing God _____

PT 2. Be totally _____ in God

PT3. Put away _____

Group Discussion

1. From 1 to 10 where is your intimacy level with God? (10 is highest)
2. Name the ways you are totally invested in God’s word, works and will
3. Name idols that creep up in our hearts