

## Small Group Discussion Guide: *First in Our Hearts*

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### Icebreaker Questions

1. What is one thing you tend to prioritize first in your daily routine? Why?
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### Opening Scriptures

- **Matthew 6:33:** *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*
  - **Proverbs 3:9-10:** *“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.”*
  - **Proverbs 4:23:** *“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”*
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### Discussion Questions

#### **Main Point 1: "When you put God first in anything, it impacts your everything."**

1. Reflect on a time when you intentionally put God first in your decisions or priorities. How did it impact other areas of your life?
2. How can seeking God’s kingdom and righteousness shape the way you approach challenges in 2025?

#### **Main Point 2: Aligning Life with God’s Purpose**

1. What does a “spiritual surplus” look like in daily life?
  2. Imagine a community where everyone puts God first. What practical changes might happen in families, schools, or workplaces?
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### The 5 Heart Conditions

1. **A Hard Heart (Mark 8:17-21)**
  - Why is it so easy to forget what God has done in our lives?
  - How can we intentionally guard against a hardened heart?

2. **A Broken Heart (Psalm 34:17-18)**

- What comfort does this passage offer to those who feel brokenhearted?
- How have you experienced God drawing near to you during a season of brokenness?

3. **A Troubled Heart (John 14:1)**

- What burdens are you carrying today that need to be handed over to God?
- How can we practically remind ourselves to trust in God's faithfulness?

4. **A Divided Heart (Psalm 86:11)**

- In what areas of life do you find it hardest to stay focused on God?
- What steps can you take to create an "undivided heart" this year?

5. **A Rebellious Heart (Isaiah 29:13)**

- What are some ways we can close the gap between the person we say we are and who we truly are?
- How can accountability within the group help us maintain a heart aligned with God?

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### Application Questions

1. What practical steps can you take this week to put God first in your time, finances, or relationships?
2. **Which of the five heart conditions resonates most with you right now? How can the group support you in addressing it?**
3. How can we collectively live out the 2025 "Back to Life" word for Calvary Temple by aligning our hearts with God's priorities?

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### Prayer and Closing

- **Matthew 11:28-30:** *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Close in prayer, inviting group members to share their burdens and surrender them to Christ. Pray for softened hearts, healing, and a renewed commitment to seek God first in every area of life.