

# Small Groups

## Leader Conversation Guide – Priorities

### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Charlotte Gambill covered Part 6 of our series, “You Asked For It,” by helping us understand a tension we all face, ordering our priorities. Today’s fast pace, demanding world can easily cause our lives to get out of balance. More than ever, our busy schedules can cause anxiety, steal our joy, and steal our purpose, making us ineffective for the Kingdom. The most effective way to approach our priorities is by doing so spiritually, not organizationally. If we can make spiritual principles the foundation of our lives, we won’t struggle with the issue of priority, because the principles will be our guide and will stand strong no matter what we face! Today, let’s replace the world’s priorities with a rhythm of grace, get in step with the Holy Spirit, and follow the example Jesus gave us through the pace of His life.

### Make It Practical

- Choose mission over position. If position is your priority, your mission will become a casualty.
- Choose motivation over expectation. We must set our priorities on what motivates us and not be moved when our expectations aren’t met.
- Choose legacy over temporary. When we don’t live legacy-minded, we leave generations asking God for things we could have left them.

**“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”**

Matthew 11:28-30 MSG

## Talk About It

1. As a group, read Matthew 6:33. Discuss the steps to have a God first lifestyle ensuring we are choosing God's priorities and not those of the world.
2. To focus our time and energy on the right things, we will need to say "no" to some other things. Those who have difficulty saying no end up over-committed, overwhelmed, and ineffective. Share how being able to say "no" can change your priorities.
3. Talk about how you utilize your time, energy, and material resources on things that have an eternal purpose. Discuss ways to keep a legacy mindset and explain how that will allow you to better prioritize God, people, and eternity.

**"If position is your priority, then your mission will be a casualty."**

## Prayer

Father, thank You for giving us the example of Jesus. Teach us the rhythm of life and how to get in step with the Holy Spirit. Help us fulfill Your purpose for our lives and build something that far outlives and outlasts us. Order our steps as we submit our schedules, responsibilities, and relationships to You. It's in Your mighty name we pray, Jesus. Amen!

## Leader Tips

Talk to your Coach about some of the things God has done in your life or in your group members' lives so far this semester. They want to celebrate with you!