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CHOOSING FIRST
 Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

There's something about predictability that creates feelings of safety and comfort. Pastor Daniel explains how, in an unpredictable world, you can still have a predictable future. But if you want something new, you must do something new. It begins with putting God first. How do you need to reorder your life to put God first?

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

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| • Ecclesiastes 1:9 | • Matthew 6:33 | • Matthew 18:20 |
| • Jeremiah 29:11 | • Mark 1:35 | • Mark 1:35 |
| • Genesis 1:1 | • Psalm 5:3 | • Proverbs 14:3 |
| • Exodus 20:1-3 | • Hebrews 10:25 | • 2 Corinthians 9:10 |
| • Proverbs 3:9 (MSG) | • Luke 4:16 | • Malachi 3:10-12 |
| | • Deuteronomy 14:23 (LB) | • Acts 10:38 |

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- In what ways is your life predictable? Unpredictable?
- What does it mean to put God first? What are some areas of our lives we need to put God first? Be specific.
- Pastor Daniel said if we would put God first this year, it could make it our best year ever. Describe what your best year ever might look like at the end of this year.
- What were the daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly ways Pastor Daniel said we could put God first? Why are each of these methods important?
- What things do you need to modify in your life to prioritize God? If you are resistant to God upheaving your life, why is that? What are you trying to hold on to?

- Does predictability mean I will receive everything I pray for by using the applications Pastor Daniel suggested? If not, please explain what Pastor Daniel meant by having a predictable life and year.
- There are examples in the Bible where Jesus went away to pray at times other than first thing in the morning. Why can't I put God first by praising, praying, and reading God's Word in the middle of the day?
- What are some differences you've noticed in your life by prioritizing God?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- Identify the areas of your life where you are not putting God first. Decide how you need to change and build the habit needed to make this your best year ever.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Pray for the wisdom and courage to reprioritize your life and give God the first of your day with the Word, worship, and prayer, the first of your week with consistent church attendance, the first of your month with your tithes and offerings, and the first of your year through prayer and fasting.

LEADER TIPS

- Encourage the group to participate in 12 Days of Praise January 8-19, 6:00 am, including submitting their prayer requests and fasting.