

## 5/28/17 | Etched in Stone: God First

*"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

—Deuteronomy 6:5 | NIV



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever been so excited you had to tell other people? Why? What did you say, and to whom? Did sharing your excitement make your life better somehow? Explain.

2. Consider this quote. What is Benson's reasoning for putting God first? Should this be why we put God first?

If not, why not? What *should* be the reason we put God first?

"When we put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of our lives. Our love of the Lord will govern the claims for our affection, the demands on our time, the interests we pursue, and the order of our priorities."  
—Ezra Taft Benson

3. Why does God ask us to put Him first? Does He need our worship?

### Our God, worthy of praise!

4. What is your favorite Bible verse describing how awesome God is?

5. Read Psalm 145:1-13. Why does David praise the Lord? Is it because he earns more benefits the more he says nice things about God? (See verse 12 again.) Explain.

6. Read Romans 11:36. What does this mean to you? Read 1

Corinthians 10:31. Does this mean we owe God? Why or why not?

### **Me first?**

The sermon made it clear that God should be first in our lives, not money or family. However, we often put someone else into God's prominent position. Ourselves.

7. Decision – Have you ever asked, “Will it make me happy?” What is a better question you could ask instead?
8. Dollar – Do you ever spend money that only benefits you? Is that wrong? Whose money is it really? Explain.
9. Relationship – Maybe you think you love God more than you love your family. However, do you love God more than you love yourself? (If you think you don't love yourself, read Ephesians 5:25 and talk to a pastor.)
10. Day – Is prayer the first thing you do in the morning? If so, what does that look like? If not, why not? Does it matter whether you are a morning person?
11. Problem – If you try to solve problems on your own, are you being self-sufficient or stubbornly refusing God's help? Is there a difference?

**TAKE AWAY:** How will you prioritize God first this week?