



# VICTORY CHURCH

## Big Idea

Pastor Jeff

The goal of the Gospel, the Good News, is this: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16) God does not want to condemn anyone to spend their life separated from Him and more importantly, their forever separated from Him. “For God did not send His Son (Jesus) to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him (Jesus). Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son (Jesus). (John 3:17-18) Pastor Jeff discusses this incredible gift of life that God offers everyone, why everyone needs it, who has it and who doesn’t have it, and why we must live a life of repentance, putting God first in our lives and living our His purpose for us.

In order to put God first, we need to give Him the first of everything - the first of our year, through 21 Days of Prayer; the first of our month, through our scheduling and budgeting; the first of our week, through worshipping and resting on Sundays; and the first of each day, with the Word, worship, and prayer. We are what we repeatedly do. When we put God first in everything, we can expect God to bless the rest of our lives.

## Discussion Questions

- Talk about why it is so important to put God as the first priority in our lives. Share what you are doing - or planning to do - to place God first in your year, month, week, and day. How is fasting a part of putting God first?
- What does repentance look like in your life?
- Have you found that it’s sometimes easier to defend living life making your own choices, and going your own way, than making a change or repenting and surrendering to God’s ways?
- What Next Step can you take towards a spiritual revival in your life?

## Prayer Focus

Ask God to show you areas in your life from which you need to repent and change direction. Ask Him to guide you and help you replace the old habits with new habits. Ask God to teach you to live with a repentant heart which yields and turns to Him quickly.

## Next Steps

Commit or recommit to putting God first in everything. Make prayer and worship your first priority each day. Be sure to include the Word as you spend time with God. If you can, participate in our 21 Days of Prayer.. Watch how your relationship with God grows as you turn to Him and begin living out His purposes and calling in your life.

## Leader Tip

If you’re not already, commit to reading your Bible every day. There are tons of plans to read and explore the Bible along with great devotional plans available online – check them out online at: [my.bible.com](http://my.bible.com) or use the app at: [youversion.com](http://youversion.com)