



# KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

## Make Room | In The Beginning

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### Main Idea

This week, Pastor Carl started a new series, 'Make Room' and kicked us off by looking at the important principle of First. Our lives are marked by priorities, so what we do first communicates something to God. The first four words of the Bible, found in Genesis 1:1 say, "In the beginning God..." These words communicate something very powerful that God came, and should come, before everything. He must be First. As we seek God this year, let's practice the principle of First and see the blessing of God on our lives.

### Make It Practical

- Give God the first of your year with prayer and fasting. Set aside 21 days as a tithe of your year, giving God the first. For resources and information on 21 Days of Prayer and types of fasting, visit [mylgcc.com/prayer](http://mylgcc.com/prayer)
- Give God the first of your month with tithes and offerings. The word "tithe" means tenth part, and it's a principle, not a law. The real meaning is not about an amount- but giving God the tithe first. If it's not first, it's not a tithe.
- Give God the first of your week with consistent church attendance. Make a commitment to go to church and be all in.
- Give God the first of your day with the Word, worship, and prayer. Aim for more, but always give God the first fifteen minutes of your day. Five in the Word, five in worship, and five in prayer.

Matthew 6:33 NIV

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

## **Talk About It**

1. How would you describe your prayer life? Do you prioritize prayer first, or pray as you need God? How has this message encouraged you to pray first?
2. Of the areas listed above that we can give God first, which spoke to you the most, and why?
3. Discuss practical ways to incorporate prayer before everything. What impact do you think this will have on your life?

“Prayer should be our first response, not our last resort.”

## **Prayer**

Father, we love You. Today we make a fresh commitment to make prayer our first response and not our last resort. Help us to see every area of our lives that we need to intentionally cover in prayer. Strengthen us as we give You the first of everything, including 21 days prayer and fasting, our tithes and offerings, our church attendance, and our time spent in the Word, worship, and prayer. We can't wait to receive Your blessing as we give You our first. It's in Your mighty name we pray! Amen.

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