## JESUS CENTRAL

## Action Points: Jesus' priorities = my priorities

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Key thought: Jesus asks us to prioritize God's Kingdom in our daily lives. Matthew 4:23-25 reminds us that Jesus' priority in life and ministry was to preach the "Good News" about God's Kingdom. Jesus challenged those He met with: "Be concerned about Gods' kingdom and what has his approval. Then all these (other things you need) will be provided for you" (Matthew 6:33). Living by Jesus' priorities means re-evaluating what is important and being honest to God about whether we are ready to please Him in our daily lives.

- 1. Take time out to write a list of your personal priorities.

  These may be your family life, finishing your studies well, getting a meaningful job. Or managing illness, difficult relationships or other pressing challenges. As a Christian, you will want to include prioritizing worship for God, actively engaging in community at church, reading the Bible each day and having a prayer time. Serving others, being generous and practicing gratitude are also important priorities.
- 2. Now look closely at your list.

Which are the most important? Which will last, and which will fade, over time? Look for small and big ways throughout the day to make a difference in someone else's life. There are countless ways we can bring hope to our world by small acts of kindness.

Make a habit of seeking God's guidance and strength. From the moment your eyes open till you lay down your head at night, you can ask God for His leading and comfort. You will find practical ways to practice your faith, and answers to your daily challenges.

Cultivate an attitude of prioritising what's really important this year. This will shift your perspective to God-centeredness, helping you appreciate His role as the source of all your blessings. As you follow Jesus' example and prioritize God's kingship in your daily life, you will quickly see how doing so shifts your focus onto His love and care.

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