



"Seek First"  
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## TALK IT OVER

*Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.*

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### *Seeking God in Fasting and Prayer*

Consider committing to a day of fasting in our 40 days.

Prayer with fasting for direction and spiritual breakthrough for you personally, our community, our country and our church.

Pray daily for our direction as a Church that we might  
*"make true disciples who glorify God by bearing much fruit"* - John 15:8

Neh. 1: 4

God may use a burden to initiate [change](#) which may be [challenging](#).

A burden may be a prelude to a [blessing](#)

*"Humble yourself before the Lord, and He shall lift you up"*

James 4:10 NIVUK

✓ **When something needs to change, seek God first with all your heart.**

1. What right now in your life is making you anxious or concerned? What needs to change?

2. Why do you think we tend to take action before going to prayer? What is the danger in that? What does that tendency say about our faith, our priorities?

3. Read **Matthew 6:24-34**. With the background of two congregations becoming one new church, what specific challenges come to mind as you read? What instruction from the passage stands out? How do you need to apply it?

4. Nehemiah was moved to fast and pray upon hearing of the ruined condition of Jerusalem and her people. As you look at our community, what moves you to fast and pray? What does your heart long for God to do? How can you be an answer to your own prayer?

**Pray:** Take a moment to pray together for our community, our fellowship, one another, and church leaders as we seek to follow God's leadership in this season of change.

**January Memory Verse:** Matthew 7:7-8