



## Group Session Document

### Ice Breaker:

- Share with the group one thing you are passionate about and why it holds significance in your life. This could be a hobby, a cause, or a personal goal.

**Short Summary of the Sermon:** The sermon focused on the theme of being "effective" in our Christian walk by prioritizing God above all else, as emphasized in the first commandment: "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). The speaker highlighted the importance of having God as our number one priority, using the examples of King David and King Solomon. David, despite his flaws, was known as a man after God's own heart because he prioritized God above all else. In contrast, Solomon, despite his wisdom, allowed other gods such as pleasure, productivity, provision, and popularity to take precedence, leading to a life of dissatisfaction and meaninglessness. The sermon challenges us to examine our own lives and ensure that God is our ultimate priority.

### Group Questions:

1. Reflect on your current priorities. What are some things that might be competing with God for the top spot in your life?
2. How do you relate to the examples of David and Solomon? In what ways do you see yourself in their stories?
3. Discuss the concept of the "hedonistic paradox" mentioned in the sermon. How have you experienced this in your own pursuit of pleasure or success?
4. What are some practical steps you can take to ensure that God remains your number one priority?
5. How can we, as a group, support each other in maintaining God as our primary focus?

### Life Application:

- Identify one area in your life where you have placed something above God. This week, make a conscious effort to realign that area with God's will. This could involve setting aside dedicated time for prayer, reducing time spent on distractions, or seeking accountability from a fellow believer.

### Challenge:

- This week, spend at least 15 minutes each day in intentional prayer and reflection, asking God to reveal any idols in your life and to help you prioritize Him above all else. Share your experiences and any revelations with the group during your next meeting.