Day 1 First things first

Defining our priorities and keeping them priorities is always a challenge. There are so many things, often good things, that can distract us from what will make us most fulfilled in life. As Christians it is important for us to go to the Bible and, guided by the Holy Spirit, discover what our priorities ought to be.

We are inclined to think that to feel fulfilled we ought to prioritize the things that will cater to our needs and desires. The Bible has quite a different perspective. It teaches that self-fulfillment is a byproduct of serving God and others.

📖 Read Matthew 22:34-40

1. What two priorities did Jesus give?

2. What is Jesus summarizing? (see Exodus 20:1-17)

3. Can you give some reasons why Jesus placed the two priorities in the order he did?

4. List some ways in which Christians can fulfill the first priority of loving God with heart, soul and mind.

5. List some ways in which Christians can fulfill the second priority of loving our neighbours as ourselves.

6. What priorities would you need to remove completely from your life to free you to give Jesus' priorities their rightful place?

7. What priorities, though legitimate, would you need to move down the priority list to give Jesus' priorities their rightful place?