

God First Video 1 Script

Bayside Leader Training (BLT - yum!)

Note to Jen: This first script is less “bullet-y” and more foundational info.

Setting: casual on a couch or at a table with cup of coffee and bible, maybe someone’s home (not a talking head in front of a green screen)

Hi and welcome to Bayside Leader Training. Throughout the next several videos it is our desire to lay the foundation for what it means to be a leader here at Bayside Community Church. We are so grateful for you. We need you!

And what you do as a leader matters, but who you are matters more.

As Pastor Randy already mentioned . . .

(please say verbatim)

Bayside’s cultural values are founded on the why and give direction to how we live and serve in ministry. These values enable us to fulfill the mission God has called us to as a church.

These values are:

1. **God first.** We prioritize God’s Presence and God’s Word above all else
2. **Others focused.** We honor God’s people, their purpose and our relationship with them.
3. **On mission.** We purpose our life and our work to know Him and make Him known.

We like to say it this way.....A leader at Bayside is a fully devoted follower of Christ who lives a life that seeks to **put God first, is others focused and lives on mission.**

The information in Bayside Leader Training will help you better understand and live out our cultural values as a leader in this church.

These next 3 videos will help us unpack what it means to live a life that puts **God first**.

Again, as a quick reminder, living a life that puts God first means that we prioritize God's presence and God's word above all else.

So, how do I become a leader that puts God first?

I love movies and not just because I love buttered popcorn but because I love to be told a story. I love to be introduced to characters, to feel like I know them and to be drawn into the plot of the story.

I love watching movies. I love getting caught up in a story and feeling connected to the characters, as if I really know them myself. I hold my breath and cheer them on as they walk and journey through the plot their story is telling.

(holding up Bible)

The main character in the story of our faith is God and getting to know Him and understanding the plot of HIS story is the beginning point to putting Him first.

God's story starts with these words in Genesis, "In the beginning, God".

God was in the beginning - a Triune God - three distinct but equal parts - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit -

Who is He and what does it have to do with me?

The arc of scripture is telling a story - a love story really - about the One, true God who created you in His image and to be in relationship with Him.

Astoundingly, His plan is to partner **with** you to bring about redemption, repair, renewal, and restoration to a broken world and to broken lives.

Isn't that beautiful?

As I grow in love with the Lord, my love for others increases and so does my influence in their lives. That's leadership.

There is a prayer that Jesus - as a Jew - would have prayed every morning and evening, it is called the Shema and it is found in Deuteronomy chapter 6 verses 4-9.

This is the Shema - (pronounced "shu (u like "up") - MA) shu - MA

Hear O Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might.

Jesus said the Shema is the greatest commandment and the 2nd is like it - to love your neighbor as yourself.

When we put God first it becomes easier to love Him completely, to love others compassionately and to love yourself correctly.

I want to challenge you over the next 7 days to begin your day and end your day by praying the Shema and asking the Father to increase your hearts capacity to love Him and others and to put Him first in all things.

God Bless you.

Action Step:

Pray the Shema every day, morning and night for the next 7 days:

Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God. The Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your might and love your neighbor as yourself.