**Power Up! First Things First – the Price of Success - Leader Notes**

**Matt.6:33 “Seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”**

1) What, if any, resolutions have you made for 2015?

2) **Give God the first day of the week.** Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Good habits are easy to break and hard to establish. Why do you think general church attendance has dropped in the last few decades in Canada?

3) Do you take a regular Sabbath? Why or why not? What does a good Sabbath look like in your life and the life of your family?

4) What are God’s purposes for Sabbath in our life? (Rest, reflection, restoration, recreation, reconnecting with God and with people we love, worship, service to God) Read Isaiah 58:13. What does God promise for those who do less of their own agenda and more of His agenda? (greater joy, power and feasting).

**5) Give God the first hour of every day.** Read Mark 1:35. What aspect of your personal quiet time with God gives you the greatest intimacy with God: prayer, reading the Bible, worship, journaling? Do you enjoy your personal quiet time, or do you meet with God out of obligation? What do you enjoy most? What helps keep you disciplined?

**6) Give God the first dime of every dollar.** Malachi 3:8-10; Prov.3:9,10

The only place in the Bible where God encourages us to test Him is tithing.

In Matt. 23:23, Jesus teaches about tithing. Do you have any story about the battle and blessing of financial tithing that you would like to share?

**7) Make Christ first in your conversation, your home and your work. Col. 3:23.** What is one conversation topic that you enjoy talking about most?

8) Are there any changes you need to implement that would reflect your commitment to make Christ first at home or at work?

10) The illustration of putting things in a jar communicated the point that we have to get the big commitments in first. Which of the 4 commitments would you like to make/grow in 2015?

11) How convinced are you that practicing the four commitments will increase your spiritual power? How long do you think you would have to practice them before you saw any changes in your spiritual power profile?