God First!

Luke 5:11:

And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

That does not mean what the commentaries say: that they left their ships, their boats, and all their other equipment and sold it all and always continuously followed Jesus Christ—that's not true. They simply got their priorities corrected. They still kept their boats because they had to make a living, but they put knowing God and His Word first and the fishing business second. Even after the resurrection, Peter says, "I go a fishing." He still had his boat left. He had to make a living but he got his priorities right. He put the holding of God's Word, knowing the Word, first; fishing business was second.

Likewise for us, it is to be God first (God first!) in everything that we do. They forsook all and followed him. Our goal is to be the moving of the Word over the world. God is primary, everything else is secondary, or lower.

That's why, the size of your reward at the gathering together depends on how many of the promises of God's Word you have believed and trodden under your foot, like Joshua did. God had said to Joshua, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have already given unto you." How many promises of God's Word have you believed, trodden under your foot? You can only live for God to the extent that you have tested His promises in your own life and proven them for yourself. Persistence is far greater than genius. So march on, and march up!

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