

BLESSED LIFE WEEK 2

What Test? | Week 2 | January 28, 2024

DISCUSSION GUIDE

#1 - Watch Teaching

#2 - Big Idea

Giving away what you have left over is easier than giving the first thing you receive. Today, we're talking about why God asks us to tithe, sacrificing the first 10%. God knows it says a lot about our hearts. Find out how we can break the curse we often feel in our finances by passing this Biblical test.

#3 - Sermon Points

1. Tithing is a test. (Tithe means "tenth part" or 10% in Hebrew. The number 10 means "test" in the Bible. God tested Israel 10 times. God plagued Egypt 10 times. Will you believe that 90% with God's blessing will go further than 10% without?)
2. Tithing is Biblical. (500 years before the law, Abraham tithed to Melchizedek. Jacob gave 10% to "God's House" 400 years before the Law. God then speaks over and over of the tithe in the Law.)
3. Tithing is a blessing. (2 Chronicles 31:4 – Hezekiah sees these scriptures while leading Jerusalem through an economic recession. In the middle of the economic recession, all of Israel was blessed to the point of overflowing.)

#5 - Group Discussion Questions

1. What is the hardest test you've ever taken?
2. How do you feel about God testing you? Why might he do this? What impact could that have on your relationship with Him?
3. What are some personal challenges you face in giving your 10%?
4. How would giving 10% first change the way you look at money? How would it change the way you look at God?
5. If you are tithing, how have you seen it impact your relationship with God?

#6 - Facilitator Wrap-Up

Let's end with prayer. You can say something like, "Jesus, thank you for inviting us to test you. We believe you are faithful to your promises. Give us the trust to demonstrate our faith with generosity. Help us find security in you rather than in our finances."