

the blessedlife

Learning to Let God Multiply

LifeGroup Discussion Guide Week 2 - The Principle of First



How to use This Guide:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

Our Main Idea:

Tithing and giving is a complicated subject – We learned in this message that there is more to the tithe than simply giving 10% of our money. God deserves the best; God deserves to be first.

Key Questions:

- We learned about three principles of First
 - **The firstborn must be sacrificed or redeemed** - Pastor Mike talked about this principle as it relates to Jesus. Have you ever seen the sacrifice of Jesus from this perspective? How does it change your understanding of what happened on the Cross?
 - **The first fruits must be offered** - Have you ever considered what it means to give God the first fruits? Many of us assume that simply giving is all that matters. But the Bible teaches that we are to give God our best – have you ever thought about whether you are giving God your best, your first fruits?
 - **The tithe must be first** - Read Leviticus 27:30. Why is the tithe important to God? Why should our tithes be the first thing we give to God from our earnings?
- Have you personally experienced Spirit-led giving? What is the most joy you have received from giving?
- Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14. What sort of things does God say He will bless in our lives if we obey Him and put Him first? What does a blessed life look like to you?
- What does it say about our priorities when we willingly pay everybody else first and then see if there is enough left over to give God His portion? Is there any faith required in that sort of giving? How can you overcome the fear that stands in the way of giving first in faith?
- Read Exodus 23:19 and Proverbs 3:9, 10. What do we learn about to whom our tithe belongs and where we should take it? The Exodus passage uses the word “bring” not “give.” How does this affect your way of thinking concerning tithing?

Next Steps:

- The principle of the first may or may not be new to you. Whether it is or not, we must understand that God cannot act outside of His character. He cannot change. If we say He is first in our hearts, then He must be first in our finances, our families, and our faith. Pray and ask God this week to reveal to you where in your life He is not first and what changes need to be made in your heart in order to give Him His proper place.

Experience

Your Relationship with God

How has this message changed your view of the tithe, and of your giving in general? How can you change the way you give to reflect the truth that God is first?

Equip

Your Relationship with Others

How can your Life Group support you and hold you accountable in this?

Engage

Your Relationship with the World

What do you feel like God is asking you to do in response to the weekend message? What is your next step?