

Water of Life Community Church

LIVING BEYOND BLESSED

WHO'S THE OWNER?

WEEK 2

PSALM 50:10-12

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

The two things people need to be blessed in their financial journey are generosity and stewardship. To be blessed means to be endowed with divine favor and protection; having more than enough material, emotional, and spiritual resources. In order to worship, you must understand generosity. This includes our time, our talent and our resources. Genesis 12:2 says that we are blessed to be a blessing. Are we rivers of blessing, or reservoirs of God's blessing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ PSALM 24:1, AND PSALM 50:10-12.

a. Psalm 24:1 says the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. What does that mean to you in light of how you think about your own possessions?

b. What happens when/if God asks for your possessions? Would it be hard to give them back? Why or why not?

c. Psalm 50:10-12 gives a partial list of all that God owns. How can this list make you feel secure instead of insecure?

d. Israel's livestock represented their income. When we read in Psalm 50 that the livestock belongs to God, we can understand that our income, whatever it is, belongs to God too. How do you view your income? To whom does it belong?

e. What would it take for you to give God everything you have? Would you be able to relinquish more than your tithe and offerings?

2. READ EXODUS 13:2 AND EXODUS 23:19.

- a. Exodus 13:2 directs God's people to consecrate every firstborn; both animal and human. Do you think of your children as belonging to God? What does that look like?
- b. Exodus 23:19 talks about bringing the first of the firstfruits. What does that mean to you?
- c. Malachi 3 says holding back the tithe and offerings are robbing God. God speaks further and challenges the readers to test Him so they will see that He will bless those who bring their tithes and offerings. Have you experienced this? What was that like?

3. READ LEVITICUS 27:30.

- a. This verse describes the tithe of the seeds and the fruit of the trees belonging to the Lord. Pastor says this is the FIRST 10%, not just 10%. This is a test of the heart. Why do you think this is so hard?
- b. Luke 16:10-11 says that a person who is honest, even with a little, can be trusted with much; but a person who is dishonest, even with a little, cannot be trusted with true riches. What does this say to us today? How are we dishonest, even with little things?
- c. What is God saying in Matthew 23:23?
- d. According to Malachi 3:10-11, what does God promise to those who test Him with their tithe?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- How can you begin tithing the first 10% if this is new to you?
- If you have been a tither for some time, in what ways has God shown His abundance to you? Thank Him for that!

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- How has God blessed you when you have been obedient to tithe?

RESPOND

- Take time to bring the first of your income, time, and talent this week to God. See what He will do for you!

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MEMORY VERSE

Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The world, and all its people belong to Him. "

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