



## Breaking Mindsets WEEK 2 DISCUSSION GUIDE

### Overview

In the second message of the series *Breakthrough*, we will discuss how to break mindsets that hold us back in life.

### Discussion Questions

Our thoughts can lead us to a place of breakthrough or they can also lead us to a place of breakdown – resulting in debt, lack, and fear. God wants to help us experience a breakthrough in every area of our lives, including our finances. The problem is, a lot of people have unbiblical mindsets when it comes to money. God wants to help us shift those mindsets.

As God blesses us with resources and money, He also attaches a test. God asks us, “Will you love and trust money, things, and material resources, or will you love and trust Me?” Jesus says in **Luke 16:10-11**, **“He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?”**

Money is a wonderful tool, but a lousy god. It promises these four things that only God can provide: security, freedom, power, and significance.

- Why can only God provide security, freedom, power, and significance?

**Malachi 3:10-12** is a powerful passage that teaches the importance of putting God first: **“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,”** says the LORD of hosts, **“If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. “And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,”** says the LORD of hosts; **“And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land,”** says the LORD of hosts.”

The Hebrew word for tithe is *maaser* which means “a tenth.” Tithing is returning to God what belongs to Him. **Leviticus 27:30** says: **“And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD’s. It is holy to the LORD.”**

- Reflect on the motives behind your decision to tithe. Do you feel you honor God out of the desire in your heart or out of duty?

### Three Things Our Tithe Does:

#### 1. The tithe provides for God’s work through His church.

**Malachi 3:10** tells us to bring all the tithes into the house of God, your place of worship, your local church, **“...that there may be food in My house...”** As we return the tithe, the church grows and provides a great environment and team to equip you and make an impact in your life and community.

- How does knowing your tithe blesses those in need and reaches the lost encourage you to continue tithing?

#### 2. Tithing increases our faith in God.

Tithing teaches us that 90% of our income with the blessing of God in every area of our lives will go further than 100% without His blessing. It teaches us to trust God and breaks the power of self-reliance. This is the only place in the Bible that God says to test Him.

- Share a time when you experienced God’s blessing as a result of tithing.

#### 3. The tithe teaches us to put God first.

**Proverbs 3:9-10** says: **“Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.”** We give first, because that is exactly how God gave to us. **Romans 5:8** says, **“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** God gave His one and only Son—His first and best. He gave before we believed. He gave first believing that we would see His gift.

- How does this knowledge encourage you to honor God with your first and best?

## Life Challenge

God promises to bless us abundantly in all areas when we put Him first in our lives. Ask God to reveal any areas in your life that you are not putting Him first, and pray for an increase of faith to honor Him in those areas.

## Prayer

*Thank You, God, for the precious gift of Your Son, Jesus—Your first and best. We pray that You will increase our faith as we honor You with our first and best. Thank You that we can be confident in Your supernatural blessing when we put You first. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.*