



Because God is Creator – Week 3

Announcements

401 Small Group Training – Sunday, October 27th, 5:00–7:30pm at the Little Creek Campus. This last step in PATHWAY is going to prepare you to fulfill God's purposes for your life by teaching you how you can help people grow in their relationship with Christ. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register

Small Groups Week of Serving – November 2nd- 9th. Gather your group members together and find people in our community that you can serve as a way to practically share the love of God. Go to Leadership.ChurchoftheKing.com/serve for ideas and service projects.

Warm-up

What was a memorable way you honored your mom or dad on Mother's or Father's Day?

Today we are doing to discuss how we can honor God with the gifts we give.

Word and Application

Read Matthew 6:33. How can we place God first in our lives?

We must place God as the first priority in our lives by giving him our time talents, relationships, finances, etc. The rest of our discussion will be focused on what it means to honor God with our finances.

Read Proverbs 3:9. Why do you think God asks us to show him honor by giving our "firsts?"

The definition of the word *first* is: to be the head of, the original, to be before all, in preference to something else, the beginning, the foremost.

Read Exodus 13:12-13. In these verses God establishes the principle of giving him the firsts.

Read Romans 5:8. Jesus was the firstborn, and God gave him as a sacrifice for us. This parallels the Old Testament sacrificial system where a “clean” animal had to be sacrificed to redeem an “unclean” animal. This shows us how even God follows the principle of the “firsts.”

Why can it be hard to give the “first” in our finances?

It takes faith to give God our first when we don’t know what the future holds. If we step out in obedience then we can trust that if we give God our first, He will bless the rest.

Read Exodus 23:19. Where should we give our “firsts?”

According to Exodus 23:19, our tithe (first ten percent) should be given to the “House of the Lord” – the local church.

Read Proverb 3:9. According to this verse, what should we tithe on?

We need to tithe on anything that is an “increase” – salary, bonuses, sale of possessions, gifts, etc.

Read Leviticus 27:30. What should be our motivation for tithing?

When we tithe we are honoring God through obedience. This shows our love for Him and acknowledges Him as our first priority. It also reminds me, God owns everything and I am responsible for what I do with what He has entrusted to me.

You may say God is first in your life, but if you revealed where you spend your money, would others see God as your first priority? Why or why not?

Read Proverbs 3:9-10. What was God’s promise to us in Proverbs 3:10, if we honor God with our firsts?

How has God proven himself faithful as you’ve stepped out and given in faith?

Prayer

Pray for each person to be able step out in faith and honor God with their giving. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.