



Discussion Starter

How do you determine when you and/or others have given their best? Share general and specific examples.

God Deserves My Best

1. Share something that resonated with you during the *God Deserves My Best* message(s).

2. Do you think the church should accept *whatever* a person gives of their time and resources? Explain.

3. Do you think God accepts *whatever* a person gives of their time and resources? Explain.

Biblical Connection

1. Read each Scripture reference listed below. Note anything that stands out to you as you read. Additionally, note what each passage communicates regarding God’s people giving Him their best.

Scripture Reference	Notes
Malachi 1:6-14	
Leviticus 22:17-25	
Malachi 3:8-12	
2 Corinthians 9:6-12	
Colossians 3:17	

2. Discuss your notes with fellow group members. Additionally, share any insights you gleaned and/or points of tension you experienced while reading.

3. Read Malachi 1:8 again. God asks if they’d present the offerings that they gave to a governing official, and expect a favorable response. What we give to God and how we serve reflect how we regard Him. Consider the quality of your ministry service and financial giving. Do you think what you give and how you serve convey honor and reverence to God? Explain.

4. Consider areas of your life where you willfully and wholeheartedly give your best. If honor and reverence are measured by the quality of what we give (our time, money, resources, talents, etc.), what things, people, positions, organizations, and/or relationships do you honor and revere most? Is the local church on your list? Explain why or why not.

Being all in requires giving God our best. Our actions communicate our values. Could it be that we value personal success, career advancement, social favor, wealth, and pleasing others (employers, friends, and family) more than God and His kingdom? Scripture affirms giving our best in all areas of our life. The problem arises when we fail to give God and the local church our best. When we neglect to give God our best, it suggests that we may not truly be all in.

5. How may The Bridge better accomplish its mission if we all commit to giving God our best?

Moving Forward

Identify how you can either begin or continue giving God your best in the following areas. Connect with a fellow group member within the next few days to discuss your responses and pray.

- Your Time
- Your Talents
- Your Treasure
- Your Temple

Assignment

- Attend The Bridge's upcoming Sunday worship experiences. If you're unable to attend, listen to the sermons online before your next group gatherings. Note anything that resonates with you in preparation for the Week 7 discussion (*Honor Others to Honor God*).
- Download and/or print the Week 6 prayer guide.