

Group Guide: Reruns That Revive week#1 #Blessed: Experiencing God's Supernatural Economics

Opening Prayer:

Begin the session with a prayer, asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to guide the discussion.

Key Takeaways:

- 1. Tithing is a God-ordained principle, not a man-made manipulation.
- 2. The concept of tithing predates the Mosaic Law and is affirmed by Jesus in the New Testament.
- 3. God promises to rebuke the Devourer (Satan) when we tithe faithfully.
- 4. Tithing is an act of worship and trust in God's provision.
- 5. The Church is the Bride of Christ, and our tithes help care for her.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What was your initial reaction to the sermon topic of tithing? Did your perspective change by the end of the message? If so, how?
- 2. The pastor mentioned three common objections to tithing. Which one resonated with you the most, and why?
- 3. How does understanding tithing as an act of worship rather than a legal obligation change your view of giving?
- 4. Discuss the story of Abraham tithing to Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20). What does this pre-law example teach us about the nature of tithing?

- 5. How does Jesus' statement in Matthew 23:23 impact your understanding of tithing in the New Testament context?
- 6. Reflect on the story of King Hezekiah and the abundant tithes (2 Chronicles 31:4-10). What lessons can we draw from this account?
- 7. The pastor used an illustration about friends caring for his wife while he's away. How does this analogy help you understand God's perspective on tithing?

Practical Applications:

- 1. Personal Reflection: Take some time this week to honestly evaluate your giving habits. Are you currently tithing? If not, what's holding you back?
- 2. Budget Review: Look at your monthly budget and consider how you might adjust it to incorporate tithing if you're not already doing so.
- 3. Testimony Sharing: If you're already a tither, consider sharing a testimony of God's faithfulness in your finances with the group or a trusted friend.
- 4. Prayer Focus: Commit to praying daily this week for God to increase your faith in His provision and to help you overcome any fears related to tithing.
- 5. Accountability: If you feel comfortable, pair up with another group member to encourage each other in your giving journey.

Closing Prayer:

End the session by thanking God for His provision and asking for His help in becoming faithful stewards of all He has entrusted to us.



Conversations fuel our faith. Use these discussion questions throughout your week in conversations at tables, in cars, online or wherever you find yourself chatting with the people you love.

- How does the concept of 'reruns that revive' apply to our spiritual lives, and why might revisiting certain biblical messages be beneficial?
- In what ways does Satan act as a 'Devourer' in our financial lives, and how can we recognize his influence?
- How does the origin of tithing in Abraham's encounter with Melchizedek change our perspective on giving as an act of worship rather than a legal obligation?
- Jesus affirmed tithing while emphasizing justice, mercy, and faith. How can we balance these aspects in our spiritual practice?
- What lessons can we learn from King Hezekiah's approach to tithing and its impact on the nation's spiritual and economic well-being?

- How does the analogy of caring for the pastor's wife relate to our responsibility towards the Church as the Bride of Christ?
- In what ways might our attitude towards tithing reflect our trust in God's provision and our commitment to His kingdom?
- How can we shift our perspective from seeing tithing as a financial burden to viewing it as a spiritual discipline that protects us from the Devourer?
- What are some practical steps we can take to align our financial practices with the biblical principle of tithing?
- How might our giving habits impact our relationship with God and our experience of His blessings in our lives?



Day 1: God's Unchanging Nature

Reading: Malachi 3:6-12

Devotional: God declares, "I am the LORD, I do not change." In a world of constant flux, God's unchanging nature is our anchor. This passage reminds us that God's principles, including those of giving and blessing, remain constant. Reflect on areas in your life where you need to trust God's unchanging character. How might embracing His consistency transform your approach to faith and obedience?

Day 2: The Power of Worship

Reading: Ephesians 5:18-19, Romans 10:17

Devotional: Today's readings highlight how God breathes life into us through worship and His Word. Songs and sermons aren't just rituals; they're life-giving encounters with God. Consider how you approach worship and Bible study. Are you expecting to be revived and transformed? Take time to sing a hymn or revisit a meaningful sermon, allowing God's Spirit to refresh your soul.

Day 3: Stewardship and Spiritual Warfare

Reading: Matthew 6:19-24, Ephesians 6:10-18

Devotional: Jesus teaches about storing treasures in heaven, while Paul describes our spiritual armor. These passages reveal that our approach to money is a spiritual battleground. The "Devourer" seeks to destroy not just our finances, but our trust in God. How might viewing your finances through a spiritual lens change your decisions? Put on the "shield of faith" today, trusting God's provision over worldly security.

Day 4: Grace-Driven Generosity

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15, Genesis 14:18-20

Devotional: Paul encourages cheerful giving, while Abraham's tithe to Melchizedek predates the law. These examples show that generosity flows from gratitude, not obligation. Reflect on God's generosity in your life, especially through Christ. How might remembering His grace inspire your giving? Consider a specific act of generosity today, motivated by thankfulness rather than duty.

Day 5: The Church as Christ's Bride

Reading: Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:6-9

Devotional: Scripture portrays the Church as Christ's beloved bride. This intimate imagery invites us to see our role in the Church differently. Supporting the Church isn't just about maintaining an institution; it's about caring for what Christ loves deeply. How does this perspective change your view of church involvement and giving? Pray for a heart that cherishes the Church as Christ does, seeking ways to honor His bride through your actions and resources.