

THE BLESSED LIFE
Week 2: The Principle of First
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



RECAP

In the second sermon of this series on money and giving, Josh discusses the Principle of First and looks at the compelling example of the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17) from Scripture as a real-life example.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Last week's principle was The Happiness Principle: You're happier when you give. Did anyone in the group experience the truth of this principle in the past week?
2. Josh introduces us to the second Blessed Life Principle, the Principle of First: *If God is first in your life, everything will come into order. If God is not first in your life, nothing will come into order.* How have you experienced the Principle of First play out in your life (for better or worse) in the past?
3. Josh used the illustration of the big and little rocks and the glass jar. In your life, what have been some of the smaller rocks that you tend to put in first before God?
4. Recap the story of the widow at Zarephath in 1 Kings 17. Josh made the argument that God didn't send Elijah to the widow so that the widow could provide for Elijah but so that God could provide for the widow. What are some times in your life when you've given to God first and he's provided for you as a result?
5. What are some specific ways that you can and should put God first in the following aspects of your life? Brainstorm some ideas and pick one or two to implement this week:
 - Relationship with God
 - Marriage
 - Parenting/Family
 - Job/Career

NEXT STEP

What's one specific way you can increase your giving to God's kingdom this month?