



# Because of You

## Part 2

### Discussion Guide

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God wants to grow our faith and He wants to provide for us. And because of your faith and His provision, others will be helped, reached and provided for. The principle of “first fruits” is essential to becoming the person of faith and the blessing you were created to be.

#### **Jump Start**

*Leader: This section is designed to get discussions started, examine God's truth and apply it to our week.*

- 1) You go out to a restaurant with some friends/family, your favorite dish arrives and as you start to dig in your friend/spouse reaches over and takes some of your food. What is your response? Are you a food sharer?
- 2) *It is more blessed to give than receive.* [Read Acts 20:33-35 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-14](#) In what ways is it more blessed to give than receive? Have you ever experienced this in your own life? What role does generosity play in ministry? What do you consider your ministry? Are you generous in your ministry? Why or why not?
- 3) *Trust God with the tithe.* [Read Leviticus 27:30-33, Malachi 3:8-12 and Deuteronomy 14:22-27](#) What were some of the rules associated with the tithe and generosity in these passages? Why did God command a tithe be put in place? How do these verses hint at the heart of tithing? How does the way we tithe today differ from the way they tithed in the Old Testament? Is there ANYTHING we can do to replace the tithe before God? Why or why not?
- 4) *Plan to be generous.* [Read Isaiah 32:6-8.](#) What is the difference between planning to be generous and being generous? What are some ways you can plan to be generous?
- 5) *Start Now.* [Read Philemon 1:4-7](#) Generosity is a way of life. What other things come along side generosity? What is preventing you from living a generous life today? What barriers do you need to begin to remove?

**Deeper**

*Leader: This section is designed for further use in your Life Group or for personal study.  
These can also be used as discussion points and ways to stay connected with  
your group throughout the week.*

- 6) Read [Psalm 37:25-26](#) Check out these other examples of that very verse coming into play [Exodus 16:13-26](#), [Judges 15:10-20](#), [1 Kings 19:3-7](#), [Genesis 22:7-18](#) and [Philippians 4:18-20](#)
- a) We often talk about how God will provide when we are generous. What do each of these moments of God providing have in common?
  - b) What is the background behind each of the stories? What was each person doing when they experienced a great provision from God?
  - c) Have you ever seen God provide while you are earnestly doing his work?
  - d) What work do you believe God is calling you to today?
  - e) Have you let the fear of resources hold you back from following God's calling?