



Rhythms

Part 3 – 100%

Discussion Guide

God has blessed us with life, land, and provision, and He asks us to remember. This earth that He has given us blooms every year with new life and produce. The Son Who died for us is also both a first fruit and an offering. It's a time to honor Him and return to Him a portion of His goodness. All of it already belongs to Him!

What you will need: A Bible or your Bible app, a notebook, pen, and highlighter. The verses highlighted below are linked so that you can easily access them during your study time.

Jump Start

1. Name the most valuable thing (not person!) in your life. Is its worth more monetary or sentimental?
2. **Read [Proverbs 3:9](#) and [Leviticus 23:10](#)**. Why does God ask for an offering of first fruits, from your understanding of these verses? **Read [Deuteronomy 8:17-18](#)**. Consider your “marketable” skills and assets. How did you get them?
3. What is God's specific request of you? **Read [Malachi 3:10](#), [Leviticus 27:30](#), and [2 Corinthians 8:7](#)**.
4. **Read [Luke 6:38](#)**. What does God promise? If you have a personal story of God fulfilling His Word, please share it!
5. How does the principle of first fruits affect your priorities? How does it affect your faith journey?
6. **Final Thought:** Did you participate in the generosity challenge this week and fill out a commitment card? If not, take a moment to [review](#). If you wish to submit it, let us know by sending a photo or an email to finance@covechurch.org. If you need financial coaching and support, check this out: [Cove Financial Coaching](#).

Deeper

The Feast of First Fruits immediately follows the Feast of Unleavened Bread. What does this have to do with us as believers in Jesus, under the New Covenant, today?

7. **Read [Leviticus 23:9-14](#)**. What was to be given to the Lord? What could they not do until the offerings were completed? Why do you think that was?
8. **Look back at [Leviticus 23:10](#)** again. Where do you assume the children of Israel were when they were given this commandment? In fact, where does all of the book of Leviticus take place? Why is that important as they are asked to make this agriculturally-centered offering? In what area are you being asked to make an “impossible” offering right now?
9. **Think about this:** Modern Judaism barely acknowledges or celebrates this feast. Since 70 AD, there has been no temple, therefore not priestly offerings. In the diaspora (the scattering abroad), Jews often congregated in the cities and were not as agrarian. Finally, it falls in the middle of two major feasts: Passover, followed immediately by Unleavened Bread. What similar excuses do we employ in our lives about feasts, tithing, or service?
10. On the other hand, Messianic Jews consider this the most solemn feast after Passover. The timing of the Feast is also important. The Feast of First Fruits or the Wave Sheaf offering takes place the day after Passover. It is the day that we celebrate as Resurrection Sunday or Easter. **Read [1 Corinthians 15:20-23](#) and [John 20:16-17](#)**. What makes this feast so special to the believer?