



## Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share what your favorite lake or river is, and why.

## Talk About it!

### QUESTION 1

#### 2 Kings 4:42 New Living Translation

42 One day a man from Baal-shalishah brought the man of God a sack of fresh grain and twenty loaves of barley bread made from the first grain of his harvest. Elisha said, "Give it to the people so they can eat."

#### Discuss:

What is the importance of the 'firstfruit offering'? How do you participate in this kind of generosity to God?

### QUESTION 2

#### Leviticus 23:9-14 New Living Translation

9 Then the Lord said to Moses, 10 "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. When you enter the land I am giving you and you harvest its first crops, bring the priest a bundle of grain from the first cutting of your grain harvest. 11 On the day after the Sabbath, the priest will lift it up before the Lord so it may be accepted on your behalf. 12 On that same day you must sacrifice a one-year-old male lamb with no defects as a burnt offering to the Lord. 13 With it you must present a grain offering consisting of four quarts of choice flour moistened with olive oil. It will be a special gift, a pleasing aroma to the Lord. You must also offer one quart of wine as a liquid offering. 14 Do not eat any bread or roasted grain or fresh kernels on that day until you bring this offering to your God. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation wherever you live.

#### Proverbs 3:9-10 New International Version

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth,  
with the firstfruits of all your crops;  
10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing,  
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

#### Deuteronomy 14:23 Living Bible

23 Bring this tithe to eat before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

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**Discuss:**

What has your tithing journey looked like? How have you seen or experienced God's faithfulness in this regard?

### QUESTION 3

**2 Kings 4:43 New Living Translation**

43 "What?" his servant exclaimed. "Feed a hundred people with only this?"

But Elisha repeated, "Give it to the people so they can eat, for this is what the Lord says: Everyone will eat, and there will even be some left over!"

**Mark 9:23 New Living Translation**

23 "What do you mean, 'if I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

**2 Corinthians 5:7 New International Version**

7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

**Discuss:**

What does faith accomplish? What are three of the obstacles to the flow of faith and provision - and how are you doing in your own struggle with those?

### QUESTION 4

**2 Kings 4:43-44 New Living Translation**

43 "What?" his servant exclaimed. "Feed a hundred people with only this?"

But Elisha repeated, "Give it to the people so they can eat, for this is what the Lord says: Everyone will eat, and there will even be some left over!" 44 And when they gave it to the people, there was plenty for all and some left over, just as the Lord had promised.

**Matthew 4:4 New International Version**

4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

**Discuss:**

What was Elisha holding on to? What does that teach you about what to hold on to, and how to do it?



## QUESTION 5

### John 14:12 New Living Translation

12 *"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.*

#### **Discuss:**

In what way would you hope to experience more of the 'greater' that Jesus refers to?