

Week 2:

You Will Be Tested

Breakthrough
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Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Read 1 Samuel 6-9. What stands out to you in these scripture verses? What happens when power and comparison grow unchecked?
3. How have you made yourself king in the past? What happens in your life when Jesus isn't the king in your life? Where do you really look for security – in God or money?
4. Read 1 Samuel 10-11. Think of someone you've seen that is an example of humility. How can you diminish the power of comparison in your life? Why do you think that God encourages us to be humble in all things?
5. Sometimes you choose God and then things fall apart. What can you do then? How are you choosing God today, even in a hard circumstance?
6. What is one practical step you can put into practice this week?

Scripture References

1 Samuel 18:6-11, 1 Samuel 23:14, Matthew 6:21, Matthew 6:24

Takeaways

- Primary Goal: Every person at Connection Pointe (that includes you) unleashes Breakthrough in their life & in our movement by declaring Christ above all in their personal life.
- Secondary Goal: Together, we will unlock the resources that will fund God's next Breakthrough for our movement in His Kingdom.
- Your treasure is the lever.
- Baptism is a physical step of obedience to prove or demonstrate a spiritual decision. Giving is similarly a physical obedience that proves an internal spiritual decision.
- An Initial Giver is someone who decides to give for the first time out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who chooses to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift. They experience the initial joy of putting Jesus' words into action. (Matthew 7:24)
- A Consistent Giver is someone who decides to give something and give it consistently to exercise the discipline of giving as a disciple of Jesus. Often, someone who chooses to make an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the joy of consistency. Non-online givers can also be consistent givers; it just requires more discipline. They experience the joy of excelling in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:7)
- A Priority Giver understands the pre-eminence of Christ and that He is before all things – that all things were created by Him, for Him, through Him, and to Him. This giver places such a significant priority on their giving that it drives their spending and saving, as opposed to their spending and saving driving their giving. They experience the freedom of serving "one master" and declaring Jesus is first. (Matthew 6:19-24 and Colossians 1:15-20)
- A Surrendered Giver is someone who recognizes that Christ surrendered His whole self for us, and therefore we desire to offer our entire selves to Him in love (Ephesians 5:1-2). This giver would say, "My giving is not just changing my spending and saving. It's also changing me!" They also look at what they're not giving away and ask, "Is it surrendered

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too?” This informs how they use everything they’ve been blessed and entrusted with – whether through direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource like a home or vehicle.

- An Eternal Giver is someone who sees the eternal impact of their giving – on them and on others – not just the immediate programs and ministries it helps accomplish. This giver has been captivated by the knowledge that the more they are led to “do good, to be generous and ready to share,” the more they “take hold of that which is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:19). This person looks at what they have and asks, “Am I stewarding this for God’s kingdom or for me?” This encourages them to keep growing! They make all decisions (big purchases, savings, giving, relationships, areas of service) in light of how it will affect their eternal impact.
- David’s repeated choice to trust God when it seemed impossible led to Breakthrough for his entire nation – prosperity and freedom for millions across generations.