

DISCUSSION GUIDE

What is the value of publicly debating theological questions? Is there value even if none of the participants change their views?

Why is the teaching method Jesus uses here—asking a question—often effective?

What is the theological significance that Jesus is the Son of Mary? the descendant of David?

Explain the conundrum in Psalm 110:1 in your own words. What is the meaning of the first “Lord” in small capital letters? Of the second “Lord”?

Have you heard Christians joke about spiritual matters or treat God lightly? How did you feel or respond? Can familiarity with spiritual matters bring about disrespect? How can we avoid this?

How can a pastor or other leader receive the respect and honor he or she deserves without “pulling rank”?

Why do spiritual leaders face “stricter judgment” (Jas 3:1)? Is this fair?

How would you respond to someone who says, “I believe Jesus was a great moral teacher, but that’s all”?

Why does the Bible have a lot to say about money and our attitude toward it?

What is the significance that the focus of Jesus’ attention was a poor widow?

What is the purpose of giving an offering? Who are the various parties that benefit? Does your pastor’s salary each week have any connection to the amount of the offering?

What is the danger in focusing on what benefit you can receive by giving an offering?

What is the counterfeit benefit, and what is the true benefit?

How would you respond to a preacher or teacher who told you there was a certain percentage that you should give in order to receive a blessing?

How can knowing God’s purposes for money help us to avoid loving money? Does sacrificial giving obligate God to bless us? Does faithfulness?

Which is the first priority: providing for oneself and one's family, or supporting God's work? In what scenario might these things come into conflict?

How might a person who gives 10 percent every week fail to please God?
What part does faith play in giving and in the blessing received? What part does gratitude play?"

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[David's Son - David's Lord - Alistair Begg \(40:22\)](#)

[Beware and Be Aware - Alistair Begg \(30:04\)](#)

[#41 How the Bible Goes Bad - Larry Osborne \(49:21\)](#)

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[#42 The Widow's Offering- Christopher Hilken \(50:37\)](#)

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