



## DISCUSSION GUIDE JUNE 13, 2021

### Dive In

Is gratitude an emotion or an action? Can you practice gratitude without feeling grateful/thankful?

How do you typically react when someone shows you appreciation, thankfulness, or gratitude? How do you think God reacts when we show these things to Him?

What does it look like to give generously and sacrificially?

### Dig Deep

Scripture: **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

- What are the Israelites asked to do with their first fruits?
- What is the purpose of the tithe?
- What is to be remembered?

Scripture: **Deuteronomy 26: 12-15**

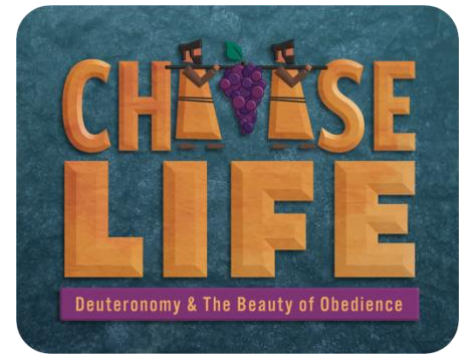
- Who was to benefit from the triennial tithe? Why?
- How are these verses related to worship?

### Do Big

A grateful person is generally humble, un-worried, and an encourager. What do these three traits have to do with gratitude?

Most of us aren't farmers and don't bring literal "first fruits" to church on Sunday. What can/should we bring? If we give grudgingly, does it still count as progress toward unselfishness?

In what way(s) can you or your small group give generously and sacrificially this week to God? To others?



## LEADERS

### Study Text:

**Deuteronomy 26:1-15**

**Deuteronomy 8:1-20**

### Stewardship Principles:

Matthew 21:33-44

- God is the source of our blessings.
- God is sovereign.
- Harvest time reveals the heart.
- God expects a return.
- God's love, grace, and belief in us has no limits.
- Our accountability to God is inevitable.
- You will eventually lose what you selfishly try to keep.
- When you begin to love as God loves, you will seek to give as God gave.

### Weekly Memory Verse:

"But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today." **Deuteronomy 8:18**