



## Sunday Bible Study Guide | November 16, 2025

### Weekly Memory Verse

*"Test me in this", says the Lord Almighty "and see if i will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*

Malachi 3:10

## Sermon

*Get In The Water - Pastor Jared Herd*

Pastor Jared shared how God desires that we, as a church, drift deeper into the spiritual waters of faith. In some areas of our spiritual life, it is easy to learn and grow, but when it comes to our resources, we hesitate. He challenges us to learn to live with peace regarding our finances, recognizing that God is our ultimate provider. He said:

- Jesus is a river
- Greed blocks the flow
- Generosity opens it

Scriptures: Ezekiel 47:1-4, 8-9; Malachi 3:1, 8-10; John 7:37-38

Context: Ezekiel was given a vision of a river flowing from a future temple, which represents God's life-giving presence. This river of living water flows out to a desolate area, making it and the Dead Sea fertile and full of life.

## Mixer

1. Water is essential for physical life. How have you been spiritually refreshed recently?
2. Have you ever had something stolen from you? How did it make you feel?

## Sermon Recap & Prayer

Pray together. Read today's scriptures aloud as a group.

## Discussion Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read Ezekiel 47:1-4, 8-9. Where does the water in Ezekiel's vision originate (v 1)? What is the significance of it?
2. Describe how the river changes as the man measures it. What does this progression suggest?
3. Read Malachi 3:1, 8-10. The Israelites question how they have "robbed" God. What is God's answer?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Why is sea life unable to survive in the Dead Sea? What changes in Ezekiel's vision?
2. How does God's answer in Malachi 3:8 challenge our understanding of how we use our time, talent, and resources?
3. How does Ezekiel's vision relate to New Testament passages of Jesus' promise of "living water" (John 4:14; John 7:38) and the river in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 22:1-2). How do we see God's enduring promises of restoration throughout the Scriptures?

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. The river of life brings healing and life to a desolate place (the Dead Sea). Where have you experienced healing in your life? How has it impacted your view of God?
2. Pastor Jared said God is the investor in our lives and we are the managers. What is an area(s) in your life where greed might be stopping the flow of His investment?
3. God challenges the people to "test me in this" (3:10) in relation to their giving? Why do you think God invites us to test Him in this specific area, but perhaps not in others?
4. Pastor Jared said that this message is not about money, but about our heart. Take some time with the Lord this week to ask what steps He might be asking you to be generous?

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205 in 2025! We can't wait to see who the Holy Spirit moves into the waters of Baptism in 2026! Maybe it is YOU?

