

Middle School Discussion Guide

The Big Test: For the week of September 11 - 17, 2022

Main Thought & Scriptures:

We will always face different problems and challenges in life. The good thing is that God always provides for us as we remain faithful. Joseph remained faithful and was promoted to the top official in Potiphar's house. From this position of power, he could have been tempted to cling to power and entitlement by taking Potiphar's wife. Instead he remained faithful to God. How we take care of God's blessings will determine the next phase of our growth and development in our next season.

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

(Luke 16:10-12 NIV)

- What is something that you have been entrusted with? It could be a responsibility or role at home, at school, on your sports team, in a school club, etc.
- Have you been faithful in that responsibility or role you've been given?

*"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." *(Philippians 2:5-11 NIV)**

- God desires us to have the same mindset as Jesus—a mindset to live to serve others.

Discussion Questions:

- What is an area of your life that God is testing you in? How does it make you feel?
- Who is someone you can talk to about the testing that you face?
- How does God want you to get through the testing that you're facing?

Prayer:

- Pray for one another and the area that we are being tested in. Pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the strength and guidance to grow through it.
- Pray for a friend to experience a personal relationship with God through you and how you serve them.