



## Discussion Guide for “Testing God”

### *Bad Deal Week 3*

It's natural to ask where God is in tough times. But according to Scripture, that desire to test God is a sign of an immature faith. How can a mature faith carry us through troubled times?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7; Deuteronomy 6:16-17; 1 Corinthians 10:1-14

*click here to [read all scriptures](#)*

Read Dostoevsky's "[The Grand Inquisitor](#)"

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [1 Corinthians 10](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Do you ever find yourself testing God? What does that look like?
2. What does it mean to say that Israel was 'testing God' in Exodus 17? Discuss God's response.
3. Review Moses' words in Deuteronomy 6. Were you surprised to find his warning against testing God?
4. Review Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 10. What does he mean that 'the rock was Christ'?
5. What do Paul's words show us about how God responds to our pain and suffering?
6. Do you agree that testing God is a sign of an immature faith? Discuss.