

This message explores the biblical concept of "The Lord is my portion," challenging us to consider whether having God alone is truly enough for us. Recognizing God as one's portion can lead to freedom from the constant pursuit of worldly accumulation and comparison, ultimately suggesting that having Christ alone should be more than sufficient for a fulfilled life.

My Portion (Drew Ritchie – September 1, 2024)

- 1. **"My Portion is LACKING**" Describe a time when you felt like your "portion" was lacking compared to someone else's. How did that make you feel? Follow up: The message talks about the tendency to compare our portions to others. What are some common areas where you find yourself making these kinds of comparisons?
- 2. **"God is my portion" in the Bible. Read Psalm 16:5 & Lamentations 3:24.** What do you think it means practically to have the Lord as your "portion"? Follow up: Where have we traded our inheritance of God for portions of this world?
- 3. Discuss the significance of God declaring that the Levites would have Him as their inheritance rather than receiving land (Deuteronomy 14:27 & Joshua 13:33). How does this challenge our modern-day perspectives on possessions and wealth? Follow up: Reflect on the parable of the two brothers in Luke 15. How does the father's response to the older brother illustrate the concept of God being our full portion?
- 4. In what ways do you struggle with the idea that "Jesus alone" should be enough? What makes this challenging in your daily life? Follow up: Discuss the idea that when we have God as our portion, it doesn't diminish what others receive from Him. How does this truth free us from a scarcity mindset?
- 5. **My Portion is FULL. Read Philippians 3:8 & 4:12-13.** What would it do to your life, if you knew that God was your portion and trusted that He was enough?
- 6. In what ways have you seen God demonstrate His overflowing provision, like in the feeding of the 5,000 (**Matthew 14:13-21**) or the wedding at Cana (**John 2:1-11**)? How does this challenge your view of God's abundance?
- 7. **Our Portion is OVERFLOWING** The conclusion encourages us to move from a posture of lack to one of fullness and overflow. What specific steps can you take to more fully embrace God as your portion? Follow up: What is one practical step you can take this week to move more in that direction?

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