

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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Read Malachi 3:10-11. Giving is not optional and Giving is rewarded. Why is it important that God asks for “all of the tithes in the storehouse” and not “some of the tithes in the storehouse?” What usually tempts us to give some of our tithes instead of all of it? What does it mean for God to “prove himself?” How has He proven himself to you/your family? How does He continue to keep His Word to you? How has God protected the ‘crops’ of your life?

Read John 3:16. Giving helps us to examine our love for God. Jesus, God’s blameless and beloved son, gave himself for us on Calvary’s hill. If God could give Jesus, the sinless One, on our behalf, shouldn’t we be willing to give our most precious possessions on His behalf? Why give? Because of God’s unlimited love for us and because of our appreciation for what He has done. Is love the motive in your giving? Is your giving discriminatory? Why or Why Not?

Read John 6:1-14. Giving involves faith and God’s provision will inspire our giving. Why do you think John’s account of the Feeding of the 5,000 mentioned the lad (child) in his story? How does this inform your giving to God? What was your faith like as a child? Has your faith grown up with you or been deflated? How are faith and obedience playing a role in this text? Is faith and obedience different or do these things work together? How does God’s provision challenge and encourage you in this text?

Read Ecclesiastes 5:4-7. God Honors His vows and so should we. Why are wedding vows so important? Why is the ‘pledge of allegiance to the flag’ so important? Do we give our vows and allegiance to our spouse and country faster than we give it to God? How should one handle a financial vow made to God? Why is it so important to keep our vow to God? When one makes a vow, should prayer be involved in this commitment? If so, how does one’s prayer life play a role in making a financial vow?

Read Matthew 25:14-30. God wants our perception of Him to affect our giving in positive ways. Why does the man with one talent bury his gift? What is your perception of God and how does it affect your giving? What can we learn from the response of the Master regarding the servant with the one talent burying his gift? Choose to reap the rewards of giving, not the consequences of burying your gift.

Taking It Home: How Will I Apply It: Take some time and give careful consideration to what you have learned about giving in your lifetime. What needs to be “re-learned, unlearned or strengthened?” Whose house is of the most importance to you? Is it your personal home or the house of God? Allow your giving to reflect your response. Pray for faith and fortitude as we are becoming givers after God’s own heart.

GIVING IS LIVING SERIES

“Bring It”

Mal. 3: 10 - 11

I. WHAT AM I BRINGING NOW?

a) **The Five Types of Givers:**

- 1) NON-GIVER
- 2) FIRST TIME GIVERS
- 3) REGULAR GIVERS
- 4) TITHER
- 5) EXTRAVAGANT GIVERS

II. WHAT ARE BARRIERS TO MY GIVING?

- 1) LACK OF KNOWLEDGE
- 2) LACK OF FAITH
- 3) LACK OF TRUST
- 4) LACK OF RESOURCES
- 5) LACK OF OPPORTUNITY

III. WHY SHOULD I BRING TO GOD?

- 1) IT IS OUR ACT OF WORSHIP
- 2) BECAUSE GOD BRINGS TO US
- 3) KEEPS OUR HEARTS CENTERED ON HIM

