

Small Group Discussion Guide

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God, Money and Me

The Journey

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“The subjects of giving, stewardship, and the application of Old Testament instructions to New Testament believers are massive subjects. Many portions of scripture and hundreds of books have been written on these topics, so I am not attempting to thoroughly cover the arguments or present an exhaustive explanation. My goal is not to get people to do something, I simply am presenting biblical principles and verses to consider as you live to follow Jesus in every area of your life. Jesus replied, ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.’ Matthew 22:37-38 (NLT)”

Welcome

- Share about a time in the past year, when your financial situation limited your ability to give.
- Share a time when you were able to meet another person’s financial need. Did that act of giving change you? If so, how?

Word

1. Read Deuteronomy 26:12 and Malachi 3:10.
 - a. Why does God want his people to give to the storehouse? What is the modern-day storehouse? What are reasons why people are reluctant to give to the storehouse?
 - b. Why do you think God says to test Him in this?
2. Read Proverbs 3:9-10. Why does God want us to do this first?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.
 - a. What are some words in this chapter that describe the attitude in which God asks us to give?
 - b. Have you ever given reluctantly or out of guilt? Why isn’t God interested in this kind of giving?
 - c. Has giving been a way of praising and worshiping God for you personally? Why or why not?

Weave

- Giving is a powerful weapon to roll back darkness in our world. Describe a time when you saw giving bring light into a place of spiritual darkness.
- American Christians give 1.5 - 3.1% to their church and other charitable organizations. What would happen if God’s people gave according to biblical precedent?
- Bottom Line: The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. Deuteronomy 14:23 LV
- Challenge: Ask God to continue His work in your heart to make you look more and more like Him. Ask Him to guide your management of His resources so you can be the radical and extravagant giver He designed you to be.