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# *Testing God*

**Alan Kraft, Lead Pastor**

## Icebreaker

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> And do you tend to prepare for a test in a methodical manner or cram at the last minute?

## Group Interaction & Application

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> What strikes you, intrigues you, or uniquely speaks to you from these verses … words, phrases, or something else?

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Pastor Alan talked about how tithing addresses our three biggest struggles with money: Greed, Fear and lack of purpose.

> How would you define "greed," and the impact it can have on our life? See 1 Timothy 6:9-10.

In Malachi 3:8-9, what is the serious accusation God is making of His followers here?

> How does tithing address this? See Leviticus 27:30
>
> What fears do you have as it relates to money?

Read Malachi 3:10. How is tithing a test? Who is being tested, us or God? What does this mean in practical terms?

In various passages, the Lord directs His people to bring the tithe *"into the storehouse" or "to the house of the Lord your God."*

> What are His three purposes in this command? See all three in Deuteronomy 14:22-29.
>
> How might these three purposes relate to our investment in the church that we attend?
>
> What could potentially occur if a portion of our church family didn't apply these principles to their church? How might that impact you and your group?

In what ways have you been blessed by the tithes and offerings of people here at Christ Community?

> How have you personally been blessed by God through your giving to Christ Community?

What did you most need to learn or be reminded of from this week's message and group discussion?

> How can you be praying for one another in applying this to your life right now?

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