

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



September 27, 2026

I. A Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King over all the earth. Praise Him with a psalm. Psalm 47:6–7 (NLT)

II. Family Confession & Greeting

Worship

We give because God first gave to us. Our generosity is an act of worship and gratitude for the grace we have received in Jesus. We choose to give cheerfully and with open hands.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

III. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD. Leviticus 27:30 (NIV)



IV.

Week 3: Worship
“The Mystery, Miracle, & Marker of Tithing”
Pastor Gary Barber

❖ The Generosity Pathway

The Origin of Tithing

And Melchizedek the king of Salem brought out bread and wine; now he was a priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said, "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has handed over your enemies to you." And he gave him a tenth of everything.

Genesis 14:18-20 (NASB)

Tithing is an expression of gratitude and an act of worship to El Elyon, God Most High.

The Significance of Tithing

Then Jacob made this vow: "If God will indeed be with me and protect me on this journey, and if he will provide me with food and clothing, and if I return safely to my father's home, then the Lord will certainly be my God. And this memorial pillar I have set up will become a place for worshipping God, and I will present to God a tenth of everything he gives me."

Genesis 28:20-22 (NLT)

Tithing shows and demonstrates that Yahweh, the LORD, is your God.

The Purpose of Tithing

Bring this tithe to eat before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your crops (income); then your barns will be abundantly filled and your vats will overflow with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9, 10 (AMP)

The Covenant Blessing of Tithing

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this," says the Lord of armies, "if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruit of your ground; nor will the vine in the field prove fruitless to you," says the Lord of armies. "All the nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the Lord of armies.

Malachi 3:10-12 (NASB)

The Miracle and Mystery of Tithing

- The Story of Alexander and Ruth Kerr
- ❖ Now is the time to step out in faith and start - or start again - to tithe.
- ❖ Will You Baptize Your Wallet today?
- Prayer and Reflection

Lord, I surrender my wallet to you. You are my God. I will worship you by giving the first and best of my income - a tithe of all you entrust to me. I expect your blessing and protection over all resources you entrust to me and all aspects of my life. Grant me grace, and faith, and perseverance to honor you as my Lord and God through the privilege of giving Your tithe back to you in worship.

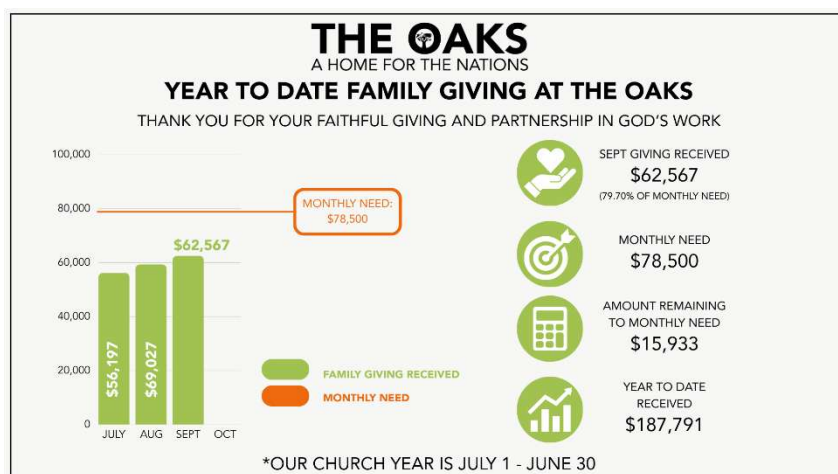
Community Group Questions:

Read Together: Malachi 3:10–12

1. Read Genesis 14:18–20. What does Abram's response teach us about giving as an act of worship?
2. Read Genesis 28:20–22. Why do you think Jacob connected giving a tenth with his commitment to God?
3. Read Deuteronomy 14:23. How can tithing teach us to put God first in our lives?
4. Read Proverbs 3:9–10. What does it look like to give God our "first and best" instead of our leftovers?
5. Read Malachi 3:10–12. What stands out to you about God's instruction and promises in this passage?
6. What can make it difficult to trust God with our finances? How can faith help us overcome those fears?
7. Read Matthew 6:21. Jesus connects our treasure with our heart. What might our giving reveal about what we value and worship?

Closing Question:

What would it look like for you to surrender your finances more fully to God and trust Him with what He has entrusted to you?



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