



WEEK
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SESSION 2

WHEN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE: THE SEEDS OF HONOR AND BLESSING

TEACHING VIDEO: In this session, Pastor Roger helps us see how giving is fundamental in our relationship with God and with our neighbor. Feel free to take notes in the section below and then join us by participating in the discussion questions after the video teaching is complete.

MEMORY VERSE

Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Proverbs 14:21

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- Proverbs 3:9 says, “Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all of your produce.” Why should we honor the Lord with our wealth?
- What does it do for us to release our resources into God’s hand?
- In Malachi 3:10-12 we see these words:
Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.
This is the only place in Scripture where we are invited to test God. Why do you think that God allows us to test Him in this way? What is it that you think He wants us to learn by taking Him up on this challenge?
- How can you or you and your group systematically seek to be generous to the poor? How might it challenge and change you and your group if you sought to do this together?
- If this is God’s wisdom, which we saw last week, is a better way, why might we be resistant to release our resources to God through the church?