## **COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS**

THE SOURCE - III

Starter Kit – Genesis 14:18-20 Pastor Miles McPherson – November 18, 2012



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. For all Rock Church events, please visit <a href="http://www.sdrock.com/events/">http://www.sdrock.com/events/</a>.
- 2. If you are still rusty with Groups 2.0, or are not using it at all, please check out our video tutorials on Leader Central that will walk you through the process. Moving forward it is important that we are all using the system effectively. Please contact <a href="mailto:john.darrow@sdrock.com">john.darrow@sdrock.com</a> or <a href="mailto:jason.mayer@sdrock.com">jason.mayer@sdrock.com</a> if you have any further questions.
- 3. If you know somebody that is interested in stepping up to lead a Community Group please have them go to <a href="http://www.sdrock.com/communitygroups/lead/">http://www.sdrock.com/communitygroups/lead/</a> to fill out an application to get started today!

### **MEMORY VERSE**

"And he blessed him and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him a tenth of everything." (Genesis 14:18-20 ESV)

#### **DISCUSSION STARTERS**

- 1. Review the Sunday Message
  - 1. A tithe is the first 10% of 'all' of what you receive from God. (Gross not net)
    - The tithe is a giver's starter kit.
  - 2. Tithes were a source of blessing to:
    - God, because it supported ministry.
    - The giver, because it secured a blessing on the <u>90%</u> they kept.
  - 3. Offerings are over and **above** the tithe.
  - 4. The tithe is a sign of trust because it actually **belongs** to God.
    - The tithe is not giving but **returning**.



# COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS — THE SOURCE, PART THREE

#### **Message Review and Introduction**

How we view money can often reflect where our hearts and allegiances are. The 'Starter Kit' gets us started in developing a life of love and service to God first (our tithe) and service to others (our offering). Every so often we need a refresher course in the concept of giving of what God has already blessed and entrusted us with.

- 1. Read Matt. 6:19-21 together as a group. Have everyone go around and identify what their "treasures on earth" really are. What are the things that cling tightly to in this life?
- 2. Jesus states in v. 20, "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." What are those treasures? Are they actual physical treasures, or would it be something else?
  - Review the following passages: Rev. 4:8-11; 2 Thess. 1:7, 2:14; Col. 3:4 (amongst many more).
- 3. Read Phil. 3:4-11 together as a group. What was Paul's response to having money, power, and position in the worldly system?
- 4. How does this shape our view of giving up our money and resources to others? How does it also shape our view of what it means to be satisfied in Christ?

Add'l Notes:		

