

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

A MATTER OF TRUST — TITHING CHALLENGE

Malachi 3:8-10
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MEMORY VERSE

“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.” (Malachi 3:8 ESV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

Which is the hardest part of tithing to you? Is it trusting God with your money, or simply a lack of desire to give? Maybe it is another reason, discuss what those reasons may be.

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Sunday Sermon Review:

1. A Tithe is first **10%** of what you receive from God.
2. Tithes were a **source** of blessing it....
3. Offerings are over and **above** the tithe.
4. The tithe was a sign of appreciation and **trust** because it actually belongs to and came from God.
5. The tithe is not giving but **returning**
6. Give a tithe is a **heart** issue not money issue.

Digging Deeper:

How we view money can often reflect where our hearts and allegiances are. ‘Trust is’ getting 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?

GROUP ACTIVITY

How can you encourage and support each other in the areas of financial stewardship that the Lord has called each of us to? Spend time praying for each other creating a plan to help each other grow in our tithing and giving habits.

Notes:

