

Small Group Series



The Generous Life

Small Group Lesson: Week 1

Message: Basic Training

Main Idea: Tithing is a practice that trains up to put God first.

Main Scripture: Malachi 3:7-12

Group Check In: How did you experience Grace from someone last week?

Prayer

Connect: What did the word “tithe” mean to you before hearing this week’s message?

Video 10 Minutes

In the Word:

1. Leviticus 27:30/ 2 Chronicles 32:5b-6/Malachi 3:10

- What is God’s expectation regarding the tithe?
- What is the significance of the tithe being “brought” versus “given?”

2. Proverbs 3:9-10/ Exodus 23:19/ Exodus 34:19

- What is a first fruit?
- Money is never about money. Money is always about trust. It takes no trust to give God our leftovers. What is the spiritual significance of giving a first fruit?

Application:

1. Does the way you spend your money confirm what your mouth affirms?
2. What adjustments do you need to make when considering what you do with your first fruits?
3. Take the tithe challenge for the next 90 days and see what God does.

Prayer Holy and gracious God, you love us so much that you gave your only son Jesus to ultimately give us the gift of eternal life with you. Thank you. Forgive us for the ways in which we withhold our own first fruits from you. Help us to trust you more than we trust anything else. Grow us to be generous people so that we can live the generous life. In Jesus name, amen.