

“Giving or Receiving?”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Digging Deeper
Prayer Requests - Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or end of the meeting. Getting to Know You - What were you taught about giving in the church you were raised in? - Do you have a personal testimony about giving? Serving Opportunity - If you have not yet filled out the Halloween Block Party Vision Builder form, located under Group Resources, please do so as soon as you can.	Read Matthew 23:23 - Many people use this passage to argue that the tithe is still in effect for Christians today because these words come from Jesus’ mouth. Who was he addressing in this passage? When was He commanding this? (before or after temple sacrifices were abolished?) Why is this important? Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 - What was so remarkable about the generosity of the churches of Macedonia? What else does this passage say? 2 Corinthians 9:7-8 - What are Paul’s instructions for New Testament giving?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
Read Leviticus 27:30-32 - What was included in the tithe in the Old Testament? - Why is it called “holy”? Read Numbers 18:21-24 - What was the tithe primarily used for? - Why is this no longer needed? - What is needed today? (see 1 Tim 5:17-18)	Questions - Pastor Dave told two stories about people who financially supported his family through seminary. - What can we learn from the woman who joyfully gave them \$25 a month? - What can we learn from the couple who had intentionally set aside a “Kingdom Fund” to be used as the Spirit directed them, and was able to bless the Proulx at just the right time? - How has this sermon challenged or inspired you re: giving? - How can our Small Group apply some of these principles together?