

# Deuteronomy 12

## Deuteronomy 12:4-19

### Launch

This week we learned that God's purpose includes tithing. Tithing is something that is sacred to God, something that started back in the Garden of Eden and has been passed down to the current Church. We explored the idea that tithing is not a law, but rather a principle. Tithing is a fundamental truth or a foundation in our relationship with God. Our tithe demonstrates obedience to God, supports the church and care of others, and shows our trust in God to provide for us.

### Explore

#### Read the passage

Read through Deuteronomy 12:4-19.

*How does an Old Testament view of tithing defer from our view of it today? What is similar?*

Open your Deuteronomy books and turn to page 2 and go through the **Engage** section as a group. Remember you can always go deeper and find answers to questions at [centralsf.org/34](http://centralsf.org/34). This will be the last Deuteronomy chapter for a while as we transition to our Christmas sermon series.

### Apply

Tithing and giving our money away is a hard topic to talk about, especially in the church. *How can Scripture guide our thoughts and actions as we discuss the idea of tithing? Is "our" money even ours to begin with?*

We know that God has a plan for our money and tithe. *Have you seen God use your tithe for a special plan of His? How was it used?*

*Does the idea of tithing being a principle instead of a law change our outlook on giving? How so?*

### Pray

Pray for our hearts, that we do not see tithing as a burden but rather a gift from God and an opportunity to demonstrate our obedience to Him. Pray for our Church as we continue to undergo the construction and expansion.