

**Community Group Questions**  
**Malachi 3.6-12**  
**May 6, 2018**

Chuck gave powerful testimony to how his mother modeled for him giving a tithe to her church even in the midst of poverty. What did you learn about giving to the church (or other charitable giving) from watching your parents? Either good or bad?

The Israelites were turning from God because they were accusing him of going back on his promise to bless them, because they were in economic distress. What circumstances in your life or your world cause you to doubt God's promises to bless you?

What's your reaction to God claiming that his people rob him, rather than just calling us stingy? How does that language choice make a difference in how you see things?

What doubts, skepticism or cynicism about God and his goodness are lodged in your hearts? What makes it hard to talk about these things with one another? What would help you talk about these things?

Chuck made the observation that people are willing to live with "uncomfortable guilt" about their level of generosity. Why do you think we are willing to live with this "uncomfortable guilt"? What does this say about what truly moves us towards generosity?

How does God challenging us to "put him to the test" communicate his heart towards us?

What would it look like for you to "put God to the test" in regards to your money? In other words, to take God at his word and see if he makes good on his promise of blessing to those who trust him? How could we help one another with this?