



## **LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:**

**SHARE:** When the offering plates are passed at church what is the first thought that pops in your head?

**READ:** 2 Corinthians 9:7. What do you think it means to give 'not reluctantly or under compulsion' and how does this relate to having a giving plan?

**SHARE:** Pastor Ken emphasized that giving what you've 'decided in your heart' doesn't mean giving whatever you want, but rather having a thoughtful plan for giving.

What steps could you take this week to develop a more intentional plan for giving rather than giving based on impulse or emotion?

According to the statistics shared, there was a 44% rise in church attenders who gave nothing over the last decade, and only 1 in 8 who claim to tithe actually do so.

How comfortable are you discussing money and giving in church, and what experiences have shaped your attitude about these conversations?

**SHARE:** Pastor Ken mentioned three main areas where the Bible directs us to give: the church, kingdom expansion, and the poor. Which of these areas do you find easiest to give to, and which do you find most challenging?

**READ:** Genesis 4:1-5 and Proverbs 3:9. How does the concept of 'first fruits' giving challenge our modern approach to financial management and budgeting?  
What would need to change in your current financial habits to make giving the first priority in your budget rather than giving from what's left over?

The sermon suggests that tithing is 'not the finish line of giving but the starting blocks.' How does this perspective differ from common views about tithing, and what implications does it have for growing in generosity?

If you currently tithe, what would it look like for you to grow beyond this baseline? If you don't currently tithe, what's one step you could take toward more systematic giving?