

4. Do you have a testimony that you could share on how God has partnered with you in your finances when you became a consistent tither (giving 10% of your income to the Lord and to His Church)?

5. If you have given sacrificially to a capital campaign in the past (either at Good Hope or elsewhere), could you describe how God provided for you and/or blessed your finances?

6. If you have given to a capital campaign in the past, could you describe **the process** you went through in deciding how much you would give? This is far more important than the *amount* you gave. People need to know your thoughts, and it's OK to mention any fears or doubts that you had to struggle with regarding your ability to give sacrificially. You might share any specific ways you considered to decrease your expenses or increase your income in order to give to help build the Family Life Center (or another building program). How did you exercise faith?

Testimonies are an indispensable part of any giving emphasis. In many ways, God is able to use testimonies more effectively than sermons in challenging people to think seriously about their own giving. We will reach our *Together We Grow* goals if leaders and others in our church are willing to share their personal testimonies about how God has led them to give. The Bible teaches that we can be inspired by someone else's example in giving:

2 Cor. 8:1-7 - Paul used the Macedonian believers as a model for giving, and challenged the Corinthian believers to match their level of sacrifice.

1 Chron. 29:1-9,14,17 - David gave a public testimony of what he intended to give for the building of the Temple, and then he challenged others to give.

Mark 12:41-44 - Jesus used the widow who gave all she had as a testimony to inspire others to give by faith.