



House Church Gathering Discussion Questions
Sunday October 19
Taking the Next Step – Generosity

Scripture: **Malachi 3:5-10**

⁵“So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me,” says the Lord Almighty.

⁶“I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you,” says the Lord Almighty.

“But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’

⁸“Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

“But you ask, ‘How are we robbing you?’

“In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.

Summary: True generosity flows from trust in God’s faithfulness. A man once said, *“You can’t receive anything new when your hand is closed.”* When your hand is clenched tightly — holding onto what you have — it’s not just that you can’t give, you also can’t receive.

That’s what God was teaching His people through the prophet Malachi. In the passage above, God confronts Israel not because He wants their *money*, but because He wants their *hearts*. Their giving had stopped reflecting their trust in Him.

Discussion Questions:

1. Am I living with a closed fist or an open hand?
2. Does my generosity flow from a heart that honors God in *every* area—work, relationships, and finances
3. What might God want me to release — not just in money, but in time, forgiveness, or service?