

The Road to Tithing, and Beyond

Open with Prayer Requests

Discussion Questions

Read Genesis 4:2–7 and Galatians 5:13

- What differences do you see between Cain's offering and Abel's?
- Why do you think God regarded Abel's sacrifice as better?
- Paul says, "Do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh..." (Galatians 5:13). In what ways can financial freedom lead us to "indulge the flesh"?
- What are examples of modern-day "Abel-like" giving vs. "Cain-like" giving?
- How do you personally guard against misusing God-given freedom—financial or otherwise?

Read Genesis 14:18–20 and Hebrews 7:1–3

- What stands out to you about Abram's spontaneous response to God's blessing?
- What does this teach us about the relationship between blessing and generosity?
- How does connecting Abram's tithe to Christ help shape the New Testament believer's view of giving?

Read Malachi 3:6–12

- Why did God call the people "robbers" in Malachi 3?
- What does this reveal about the purpose of the tithe under the Old Covenant?
- God uniquely invited the people to test Him (Malachi 3:10). What does this passage reveal about God's heart toward His people?
- What is the difference between trusting God and testing God?

Read Philippians 4:11–19 and Proverbs 3:9–10

- We trust Jesus with our eternal salvation but sometimes hesitate to trust Him with temporary needs. Why do you think this disconnect happens?
- What would it look like to honor God with your firstfruits today—financially, but also in time, gifts, and priorities?

Read Mark 12:41–44

- Sacrifice—not percentage—is the heart issue behind giving. How does the widow's offering in Mark 12 redefine sacrificial giving?
- In what areas of life do you sense God inviting you to trust Him more deeply through sacrifice?
- What is one step of trust or sacrifice that God may be prompting you to take this week?

Closing Prayer