

# Small Groups

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### “GOD’S MONEY – GOD’S WAY” PART 1

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#### AS THE DISCUSSION LEADER, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Pray for your group discussion time!
- Choose a few questions from the guide that will generate the most discussion in your group.

#### GETTING TO KNOW ME (ICEBREAKER):

- When you get paid (or receive money as a child/teen), what’s the first thing you usually spend it on?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. The message said, “Tithing is returning the first 10% of what God entrusts to us.” What’s the difference between giving and returning? Why is it important to understand that tithing is not: Earning salvation? Buying God’s blessings? Easing guilt?
2. Read: Ephesians 2:8–9. How does this passage protect us from having the wrong motivation in giving?
3. Read: Deuteronomy 14:23. Why do you think God designed tithing as a way to teach us to put Him first? In the “10 one-dollar bills” illustration, why wasn’t the last dollar truly a tithe? In What areas of life (besides money) are hardest for you to put God first?
4. Read: 1 Chronicles 29:14. David said, “Everything comes from You.” How would your attitude toward money change if you truly believed that? What is the difference between being an owner and being a steward?
5. Read: Malachi 3:10. Why do you think this is the only place where God says, “Test Me”? What fears keep people from tithing? Have you ever seen God provide in a way you didn’t expect?
6. Read: 2 Corinthians 9:11. How does giving connect your life to eternal impact? How does your church use tithes to impact the community and the world?
7. What does it mean: “God can do more with 90% and His blessing than we can do with 100% on our own”?

#### PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

- Jeff & Maryann Stone (Jack, Mila) – *Morocco*
- Robbie & Sarah H. (Eli, Leila) – *Eurasia*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Join a Wednesday night class, support group, or prayer group!  
Head to [victorylakeland.org](http://victorylakeland.org) to find a class that best fits you.