



DIGGING DEEPER

WEEK 3: Crowdfunding the Kingdom

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you, and your LifeGroup.

PRAY [Have someone in your group open in prayer.]

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we continued our series *Kingdom Life* with a message on the relationship between the Kingdom of God and money. We learned about the role money plays in our lives, relationships and in our ability to feel secure, and to trust God. We also learned about the counter-cultural and Biblical practice of tithing 10% of our income and giving it back to God, and why God asks all of us to do this.

KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

“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.” **[Malachi 3:10 NIV]**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message or key scripture?
2. Read the following passages about giving: Luke 6:38, Leviticus 27:30, Genesis 14:20, & Luke 11:42
What do these passages teach us about tithing? What does it mean that tithing “is considered holy to the Lord?”
3. Examine the 4 Stages of Generosity:
 1. Give Nothing
 2. Occasional Giving
 3. Tithing 10% of my Income
 4. Sacrificial GivingWhat stage best describes you currently? If you are comfortable, share it with the group. What is one step you could take to move up to the next level?
4. Read Jesus teaching about where we find our security in Matthew 6:19-21 and 6:24.
What is Jesus teaching us about the relationship between money and the Kingdom?
5. Give Online. If you are currently not giving or not tithing 10% consistently consider taking our “90 Day Tithe Challenge” More info via the Fair Oaks Church App or visit fopc.org/give

PRAY [Close your time in prayer. Allow time to pray for any needs in your group.]

Close your time by asking God to give you greater faith to trust in his generosity toward you, and to help you become more generous in response. Ask God to forgive us of our tendency to worry and find our security in money, and set us free from that worry.