

## GO DEEPER

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**Share** a story with the group about generosity (the best gift you ever received, a time you were blessed by generosity, or a time you were able to be generous).

Pastor Adam said that giving and generosity are different. Do you agree? How would you explain the difference between the two?

**Think** about your own life, have there been times you've lived out of a scarcity mindset? When? What did it look like? What brought it about?

Is a scarcity mindset necessarily tied to scarce resources? Why/why not?

What's harmful about a scarcity mindset?

What does a scarcity mindset reveal about how we view God?

### **Read Matthew 6:19-34**

What is the connection between Jesus' teachings on money and worry?

Why is it so hard to give money away?

Where do you see God's generosity in this passage?

How does Jesus undermine/confront the scarcity mentality?

What does it look like to take Jesus seriously here?

### **Read Deuteronomy 14:22-29**

What are the main reasons God has his people tithe?

### **Read Malachi 3:10-12**

Why do you think God invites people to test him in this area?

Do you have a story of God blessing you when you tithed?

What would it look like for you to take God seriously here?

### **Read Malachi 3:8-10, 2Corinthians 9:10-12, and 1Timothy 5:17-18**

How does tithing provide for the work of God's church?

Does God distinguish between gifts given to the church and to him?

What are the consequences of not bringing the whole tithe to God?

**Reflect** on your own life. Are you generous? Do you tithe?

### **Act: Bring God's Tithe to Him**

Commit to start tithing. Try it for three months and see what happens.

If you need help budgeting the pastors can connect you with help.

Close by praying the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

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