

GO DEEPER

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Use the following questions below for individual or group study. Begin in prayer, inviting the Spirit to speak during this time.

Share a story with the group about a time when you experienced true abundance. When was it? What happened? How did it feel?

Risk being vulnerable. What is your relationship to money like?

Are you comfortable talking about money? Why/why not?

Are you confident in managing money? Why/why not?

Is money a source of stress or anxiety? How? Why?

Do you live for money, or just use money to live?

Are tithing and giving part of your regular practices?

Read Matthew 6:19-34

Why do you think the Bible (and Jesus) talks about money so much?

If God doesn't need money, why does he care so much about it?

Read John 10:10

How would you describe an abundant life?

Does abundance necessarily include money? Does it preclude money?

Read 2Corinthians 9:6-12

Why does God bless cheerful givers with abundance?

What would it look like to be "generous in every occasion"?

Share a time when you saw God bless and multiply generous giving.

What are you willing to do to see more of this in your life?

Read Malachi 3:10

Where do you see abundance in this verse?

Is the cost of tithing worth the opening of heaven's floodgates?

Reflect on the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000.

Who are you most like in the story (disciples, crowd, little boy)?

What "loaves" and "fish" has God already given you that you can share?

What would it take to become more like the little boy?

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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