

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 with the Group

When was a memorable time that you didn't hold back?

Read Proverbs 21:25-26

Think about your giving, are you someone who holds back or not?
If you were to rank yourself on a scale of 1-10 on giving without holding back
where would you rank yourself? Why that number?
What keeps us from giving without holding back? Try to be specific.

Read Haggai 1:6

Have you ever been able to relate to this passage? If so, how?
How do real (and perceived) economic struggles impact our thinking on giving?
How often do you find yourself living with a "bag" mindset? In what ways does it
show up in your life (words/thoughts/actions/emotions)?

Read Luke 6:38

What is Jesus teaching in this verse?
How is it different from the "prosperity gospel"?
What is challenging in his teaching? What is encouraging?
Do you think he is serious?

Have you ever lived out the "basket" mindset? What happened?

Read Exodus 13:2 & 13:11-16; Proverbs 3:9-10; Malachi 3:10

What do these passages teach us about giving/tithing? What's at the heart of it?
Is tithing something you currently practice? Why/why not?
If so, how have you seen God's faithfulness over the years?
If not, what would it take to move toward it? Be specific.

Live It Out!

Start with prayer. Ask God to make you selfless, bold, and faithful.
Take a risk and test God - start the practice of giving 10% back to Him.
Thank and praise God for the way He has given to you without holding back.

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