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FAITH FORWARD

DIG DEEPER QUESTIONS

MAR 6 | WHAT IS A TITHE?

GENESIS 14: 18-20

1. How has your understanding of the word “tithe” evolved after hearing today’s message?
2. What is the difference between God’s requirement for tithing in Leviticus and what Jesus said in Luke 16:10-11.
3. Melchizedek recognized Abram’s faith in God and came out from Salem with bread and wine for the war-weary men. As priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek publicly praised God for the victory God had given Abram. Why did Abram present Melchizedek with the tithe of all he possessed? (see Psalm 110:4)
4. Hebrews chapter 7 describes Melchizedek as both King of Salem and a priest to God. Christ is our King of Righteousness, our King of Peace, and our High Priest. What connection do you discover between Melchizedek and Christ?
5. If God is creator of all things, then all we have belongs to Him. What are you willing to give or what are you willing to do as a trustworthy steward of all God has given you?

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MAR 13 | WHAT IS AN OFFERING?

1 CHRONICLES 29

1. Who did King David build the temple for?
2. List the objects King David provided to build the temple. Who does King David credit for providing these objects?
3. From verses 1-9 what is the attitude of all who gave to build the temple?
4. List God's attributes from David's prayer (vs. 10 - 19). David also thanked God for allowing him and his people to give with a willing heart. Consider how you give to the church; is it with a willing and joyful heart? Have you ever been tempted to 'attach strings' to your giving? Consider all the ways your giving serves SG to *impact the world with the love of Jesus*.
5. Pray and ask God to direct your heart toward Him knowing He enables you to give back what He has already given to you and that your giving is done joyfully.

Challenge: Memorize I Chronicles 29:16

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MAR 20 | JESUS AND MONEY

MATTHEW 6:19-21

1. What is your most treasured possession? What do you believe is Jesus Christ's most treasured possession?
2. Why do we seek to accumulate "treasure on earth"? What does Jesus mean by "storing up treasures in heaven" from v.20?
3. In your desire to store up treasures in heaven, how should you live your life for Jesus? How will you allow the Holy Spirit to have control over your heart, mind, and actions?
4. God entrusts many things to us including our finances. What are some ways we can use our finances wisely for God's Kingdom?

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MAR 27 | THE EARLY CHURCH AND GENEROSITY

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7 & 9:7

1. From the 2 Corinthians passage, what is the attitude for giving that is pleasing to God?
2. We can never out give God (Luke 6:38). How does God bless those who give generously?
3. You can give to God in more ways than financially. What ways can you live generously with every[thing] you have? Will you consider signing up for a Step Out site this Spring?
4. What have you learned about God from giving Him your time, talent, and money?
5. What have you learned today about how biblical generosity unleashes compassion and blessings in your life?