

Lavish

≈ how much should I give to the church? ≈

There's a perception that the church is always after your money ... That if you don't drop something in the offering plate or donation box, you're seen as less than. Or worse, that religious leaders are just looking to pad their pockets. What's the deal with money and church? Does the Bible say how much we're supposed to give? Why we should give?

- Open with prayer.
- If your group is new, give everyone time to introduce themselves.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What is the first thing you usually do on payday?
- What's one thing you're looking forward to in the future?
- Share something new or a highlight from this past week.

REVIEW

Together, open your Bibles and read from **Matthew 6:25-34**.

- Share your favourite points from the weekend sermon. What spoke to you? Share a phrase or moment that you related to the most, or a question you may have from the weekend.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about a time in the past year, when your financial situation limited your ability to give.
- Discuss a time when you were able to meet another person's financial need. Did that act of giving change you? If so, how?
- Read **Malachi 3:10**. What types of blessings have you seen come from tithing? Why do you think God says to test Him in this? Have you tested Him in this? What have been the results?
- Giving is a reminder that we are to be good managers of what God has blessed us with. What happens when we start acting like "owners" instead of "managers?"
- Have you ever given reluctantly or out of guilt? Why isn't God interested in this kind of giving? What is the connection between our hearts and our giving?
- Giving is a powerful weapon when it comes to spiritual warfare. Describe a time when you saw giving bring light into a place of spiritual darkness.
- How do these verses apply to your life? What will you do about it?

PRAISE & PRAYER POINTS

Share what God is doing in your life and spend some time praying for each other's prayer requests.