

Sermon Resources

Sermon: First Things First

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WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Malachi 3:8-12; Deuteronomy 14:23; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

(SERMON IN A SENTENCE) We break the scarcity mindset when we put God first with our tithe.

THE TITHE TEACHES US TO PUT GOD FIRST

THE TITHE BUILDS OUR FAITH

THE TITHE PROVIDES FOR THE WORK OF GOD'S CHURCH

MEMORY VERSE

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. -Malachi 3:10

WHAT DO I NEED TO ASK?

(Icebreaker What is the one thing that you have a hard time not buying when you see it? OR What is something that you take for granted that would be hard to live without?

What stood out to you from this message? What was your biggest takeaway?

Jon said that even though we are some of the richest people in the world, Americans often live with a "scarcity mindset". How have you seen that in people in your life?

Why is it sometimes so hard to put God first with our finances? Jon said "It takes faith to give first. It doesn't take faith to give last." What do you think of that statement?

Read Malachi 3:10. If you've "tested" God in this, what did you discover? What would you say to someone afraid to take that challenge?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:8-11. How has the work of Northridge been a blessing to you? What do you think that could look like if every believer took their tithe seriously?

Based on this series and our discussion, what is one thing you are going to work on/change over the next week(s)? How can you put God first in your finances?