

Contagious Generosity: How to be Generous (1.21.18)

- S Scripture
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Main Point: Generosity begins where tithing ends.

- What's one idea from the message that stood out to you? Why do you think it grabbed you?
- This week's teaching was on the obedient discipline of tithing (giving ten percent of your income) to God. Why is that such a difficult topic to talk about, and a difficult discipline to practice?

Read: Malachi 3:6-11

- According to this text, what is the connection between tithing and being blessed?

Read: Hebrews 7:1-2; Genesis 14:17-20

- The Hebrew writer compares Jesus to the ancient priest, Melchizedek. What impact do these two scriptures have on our understanding of whether or not Christians should tithe?
- In Matthew 5:17-20 Jesus said that he did not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it. He also said that our righteousness should exceed that of the Pharisees. How does that influence your understanding of tithing?
- The main point of Sunday's sermon was, "**Generous obedience always results in generous blessing.**" Where have you seen the connection between obedience and blessing you your life this week (or in the past)?

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

- What does "cheerful" giving look like?
- How can you as a group encourage each other to be more generous?
- If your group has not already done so, talk about a way your group can come together to plan an act of contagious generosity.

Prayer: Pray for God to give you a heart that obeys him in the way you practice tithing and generosity.