



# TALK IT OVER

## Robbing God (Malachi 3:6-12)

### How to use Talk It Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your group turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Begin with the key questions, add any optional scriptures and questions if needed, and then wrap up by deciding on your next steps.

### The Main Idea:

God is entitled to at least a tenth of our income.

### Key Questions:

- What doesn't change about God that keeps Israel from being destroyed (v. 6)?
- What are some of the ways we "cheat" God (v. 8)? What things, besides our money, does God deserve that we often do not give him?
- How would you explain the difference between a "tithe" and an "offering" (v. 8)? What was the purpose of each?
- According to v. 10, what would be the result of the Israelites' obedience in giving? What enterprise would be fully funded?
- What is God's challenge to his people on v. 10? What "test" does he want them to take?

**Optional Questions:** If needed, include one or more of these questions to extend your conversation.

- How would God assess your giving? If God were to comment on your giving to the church in the past year, what would he say?
- What is the hardest thing for you about giving to the church? What holds you back from giving more?
- How might God bless you if you were to be more faithful in your giving?
- What would be the results for McLane Church if we were all to honor God in the area of our giving?

### Next Steps:

Honestly assess your giving level in light of Malachi chapter 3. If you are not tithing (giving 10% of your income), begin this week to do so. If you already tithe, honestly ask God if he wishes you to give more.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Read more about what the Bible says about giving this week. This week's selected readings can also be found online at bible.com or via the YouVersion mobile device app in the "Stewardship" reading plan.

- Day 1 2 Corinthians 9:7-8
- Day 2 Proverbs 28:25, 27
- Day 3 Proverbs 11:24-25
- Day 4 Proverbs 21:25-26
- Day 5 Matthew 6:1-3
- Day 6 2 Corinthians 9:6, 10, 12
- Day 7 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

### Bible Reading Background

God speaks to us through his word, the Bible. Honestly let God speak to you this week about your giving.