

- 1. Read Genesis 4:1–5 and Hebrews 11:4. What differences do you notice between Cain and Abel’s offerings? How does faith change the difference between giving God our first and giving God our leftovers?**
- 2. What areas of life are easiest for you to put God first in? Which are hardest time, money, attention, relationships, career, possessions, or something else?**
- 3. Read Deuteronomy 8:17–18. Where can healthy Midwest values like hard work, independence, and self-reliance quietly turn into the belief, “My hands produced this”? How can we remain hardworking without becoming self-reliant?**
- 4. Read Colossians 1:15–20 and Romans 8:32. How does recognizing that “God went first” change the way you think about giving, tithing, and generosity?**
- 5. Read Malachi 3:8–10 and Matthew 6:33. What is the difference between viewing tithing as a religious obligation and viewing it as an act of trust? How do we embrace God’s invitation without turning giving into prosperity theology?**
- 7. If the statement “Whatever gets your first gets your trust” is true, what does the evidence of your calendar, bank account, attention, and energy reveal? What’s one change in the order you believe God is asking you to make this week?**

