

Group Guide: "Cracking the Code - Live Generously"

Malachi 3:10 (ESV) - Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."*

This discussion is designed to help your group reflect on what Scripture teaches about generosity, stewardship, trust, and Kingdom impact. Encourage honesty, grace, and practical application as you talk together.

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank You for all You have given us. Open our hearts as we study Your Word together. Teach us to trust You more, to live open-handedly, and to reflect Your generosity in the way we live. In Jesus' name, amen.

Icebreaker: Do you find it easier to give your time, your money, or your talents? Why?

Key Truth: Everything we have belongs to God.
We are stewards of His gifts, called to trust Him and live generously.

It All Belongs to God: 1 Chronicles 29:10–14
Everything comes from God, and we simply offer back what He has given.

Discuss:

- What stands out in this passage?
- How does stewardship change the way you view your resources?
- What is hardest for you to surrender to God?

Generosity Shows Trust: Malachi 3:10
Giving is an act of faith in God's provision.

Discuss:

- Why does generosity require trust?
- What fears make generosity difficult?
- How have you experienced God's faithfulness?

The Heart Behind Giving: Matthew 23:23
God cares not only about obedience, but also mercy, justice, and faithfulness.

Discuss:

- What warning does Jesus give here?
- Why is the heart behind giving so important?
- How can generosity become an act of love?

Living with Open Hands: 2 Corinthians 9:6–8
God provides so that we can be a blessing to others.

Discuss:

- What does it mean to live with open hands?
- How do fear and scarcity keep us from generosity?
- Where might God be asking you to trust Him more?

Practical Application

This week, ask:

- Where do I need to trust God more?
- What am I holding too tightly?
- What is one step I can take toward generosity?

Group Challenge:

As a group, choose one action this week:

- Meet a practical need
- Give to someone in need
- Serve or encourage someone intentionally
- Pray for God to grow generosity in your hearts

Closing

- What is one takeaway from today?
- What is one action step you will take this week?
- How can we pray for one another?

Prayer:

Father, thank You for all You have given us. Help us trust You, hold our resources with open hands, and reflect Your love through generosity. Amen.