

CAC LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Financial Discipleship: Stewardship – March 15, 2026

Big Idea: Give to God first

Ice Breaker: When you got your first job, was there something you couldn't wait to buy with the money from your first paycheck? If you can't remember, what do you think it may have been?

Key Points

Take a few minutes to review the key points from this week's sermon.

- Giving to God first demonstrates and stimulates our faith in God
- We must be deliberate if we are going to give to God first
- Where we compare giving in the Old Testament and the New Testament we see a shift
- The Old Testament pattern was to give to God first, a tenth of all you had
- The New Testament pattern is to give to God first and to give joyfully, generously, and sacrificially
- God often uses our relationship to money and our journey of giving to him first to grow our faith
- Though giving to other godly organizations is a good thing, the local church is still God's primary means of seeing people accept Jesus and develop strong faith in Him

Discussion Questions

Based on the sermon, discuss the questions below.

- What was your biggest takeaway? What stuck out the most or moved you on a personal level?
- Did anything bother you? What questions did you have?

Making it Personal

Review with your group the impact this week's sermon made on you personally.

- Do you have a favorite charity or godly organization you enjoy giving to? What makes them a favorite?
- When you hear a sermon about money or giving, what emotions or thoughts usually come up for you? Why do you think that is?
- When you give, how do you feel? Do you lean more toward the joyful or compliant end of the spectrum?
- Have you ever experienced a time when trusting God financially strengthened your faith? What happened?
- Have you ever given and then been blessed in such a way that you knew there was a link?
- What do you think your current giving habits reveal about your trust in God?

Scripture Review

Revisit some of the scripture passages from this week and discuss the questions below.

- Genesis 4:2-7: What differences do you notice between Cain's offering and Abel's offering? What does this story teach us about how God looks at our giving and our hearts?
- Leviticus 27:30, 32: What did a tithe mean in these and other Old Testament verses? What were some reasons a tithe was necessary?
- 2 Corinthians 9:7: What does it mean to decide beforehand what to give? Why do you think God cares about the attitude behind giving?

Diving Deeper

Use the verses below to dive into other passages of scripture that relate to the primary scripture passage from this week's sermon.

- **Old Testament:** Genesis 14:19-21, Proverbs 3:9-10, Proverbs 28:27, Malachi 3:10, Deuteronomy 16:17 & 8:18, 1 Chronicles 29:14, 2 Chronicles 31:4-5
- **New Testament:** 1 Corinthians 16:2, Matthew 6:19-21, Acts 20:35, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 8:7 & 12, Hebrews 13:16, Matthew 23:23

Application & Action

It is important to take the knowledge you gain and see how it can become an actionable step that the Holy Spirit can use to produce transformation in your life.

Giving to God first isn't just a principle to understand, it's a practice to live out. How we handle our resources, our money, and even our time reveals the condition of our hearts and our trust in God. In this section, we want to move from understanding to action. These questions are designed to help you reflect, share, and encourage one another as you consider practical ways to put God first in your giving, grow in generosity, and experience the faith-building power of trusting Him with all you have.

- The sermon described giving as generous, joyful, and sacrificial. Which of those three feels most challenging for you right now?
- What fears or concerns tend to keep people from giving to God first and generously?
- Thinking back to the "next step" table from the sermon (nothing → something → percentage → generosity), which step do you feel God might be inviting you to consider?
- If you or someone you know is in a tough financial or personal situation and finds it difficult to give, how might showing humility and asking for help—whether from the church or from a trusted friend—be a step of faith? What fears or barriers might make this hard, and how could God be inviting growth through that process?
- How can this group encourage one another to trust God more with finances and stewardship?

Two-minute Takeaway

In response to this week's message, commit to taking two minutes each day to take a step closer to God.

The First-Things Prayer

Take two minutes each day this week and pray a simple prayer of surrender:

1. Thank God for one specific way He has provided for you today.
2. Acknowledge His ownership: "God, everything I have comes from You."
3. Ask for trust: "Help me trust You more with my resources, my decisions, and my life."
4. Listen for a moment and ask if God is inviting you to take any step in generosity or stewardship.

Prayer

Close your group time together with prayer.