

DISCUSSION GUIDE

NOVEMBER 16/17 | WHAT MATTERS?
THE PRIORITY OF GENEROSITY

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. What are you learning or have learned/experienced about first and best giving and moving up the ladder of generosity?

DIGGING IN

1. We often hear it said, "It's not what God wants from us, but for us." He doesn't need our money; He wants our hearts to be full of faith—living with and for Him. Read Philippians 4:15-19. What did God want for the Philippian church?
2. When God's people don't trust Him, they discover there's a "hole in their pocket." Read Haggai 1:2-11 and find out how that happens.
3. Proverbs is chock full of wisdom pertaining to generous giving. Read the following and note the truths:
 - Proverbs 11:24-28
 - Proverbs 15:27
 - Proverbs 21:25-26
 - Proverbs 22:9 and 19:17
 - Psalm 37:25-26
4. Jesus teaches us to not worry, but trust Him for all that we need. Read Matthew 6:24-33 and summarize His teaching in your own words.

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Where is God asking you to trust Him? What are you missing out on? What does the next step look like for you?
2. As a group, memorize Proverbs 3:9-10. *Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.*
3. Take the Tithe Challenge: Give 10% (or a lesser %) of your net income back to God. Write down what God is teaching you. If anyone is doing this, share your experience.