

## Loot Week 4 -Discussion Guide

### Connect

**Ice Breaker:** In what ways have you personally experienced God's generosity, and how has it influenced your approach to giving and stewardship?

**Talk About It:** Generosity draws people to you and being stingy repels people from you.

**Key Passages:** Matthew 6:24, 23:23, Luke 6:38, Malachi 3:6-12

1. Considering Matthew 23:23, where Jesus emphasizes the importance of justice, mercy, and faithfulness along with tithing, how can we ensure our giving reflects these deeper values?
2. In the context of Malachi 3:6-12, how does God's challenge to "bring the whole tithe into the storehouse" encourage us to trust Him with our finances?
3. What steps can we take to become more obedient in tithing and stewardship, overcoming common excuses like "I can't afford it" or "I want to keep all my money"?
4. Considering the statement that "money is an incredible tool for good but a horrible master," how can we ensure we're using our resources to serve God's kingdom rather than being ruled by them?
5. How does Luke 6:38 ("Give, and it will be given to you...") shape our understanding of God's promise to bless those who live generously?

### Protect

Pray as a group for a spirit of obedience and trust in God's promises, especially regarding tithing and giving, praying for the courage to give as an act of worship and faith, trusting in God's provision and blessings.

### Grow

**Action Steps:** If you haven't already, consider tithing regularly as an act of obedience and faith, trusting in God's provision. If you are already tithing, consider asking God how you might increase your giving or support additional ministries or needs within your church and community.