

# NewSpring Church Groups Study Guide

Exodus — Week 4 — Giving

## HOOK

What's the worst gift you've ever received? Tell about a time that someone gave you something that was obviously "re-gifted" or thoughtlessly given out of obligation. Compare that with the best gift you've ever received? What made that gift special?

## INTRO

We are blessed! God, our Father, has given us so much. He's given us spiritual freedom through Jesus Christ, provided for our physical needs, and secured our future in heaven. What's so amazing is that he doesn't want to be repaid! As children of God we are commanded to offer the first and best of everything to God to acknowledge His control and blessing over every facet of our lives. But that is just the first step. By being faithful stewards of the time, talents, and resources that He has entrusted to us, we honor Him and show the world that our hearts are fixed on Jesus.

## QUESTIONS

- What causes the most worry in your life? How does acknowledging that God is in control help with worry? How does tithing acknowledge that God is in control of your finances?
- There are countless people that would say that tithing was the first step in slaying the giant of debt in their finances. How does tithing lead to financial freedom?
- Read John 14:15. Is there a difference between obedience and obligation? How can we move from obligation to cheerful obedience in our finances?
- Do you ever feel caught up in acquiring stuff? How does giving protect you from materialism?
- Read Matthew 6:21. What would you say to a person who believes that Jesus is Lord, but is having trouble making a commitment to tithe to their local church?

## PRAYER

Jesus, give us a passion for giving. Thank you for blessing us with so much. We acknowledge that everything belongs to you. It's yours! Give us wisdom in handling money.