

# The Trust Factor

Part 1: Love Gives

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## **Key Scriptures**

For God so loved the world that he gave ... John 3:16 NIV

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 2 Corinthians 8:1-2 NIV

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10 NIV "... Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things." Matthew 23:23 NLT

God can bless you with everything you need, and you will always have more than enough to do all kinds of good things for others. 2 Corinthians 9:8 CEV

#### **Additional Key Scriptures**

Haggai 1:6 NKJV Deuteronomy 28:8 NIV Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV 2 Corinthians 8:3-5 NIV

## Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

What's a memorable gift you've given to someone else?

### Start Thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Read 2 Corinthians 9:8. What do you think about or feel when you hear the phrase "more than enough"?
- Read Matthew 23:23. In addition to financial giving, what are some other ways people can be generous?

## Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness.

- Share about a time when you received a blessing through someone's generosity. How did you see God's faithfulness through that experience?
- Talk about your mindset about generosity. What's one shift you could make to have a healthier mindset when it comes to your time and resources?

### Start Praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

Father, You have blessed us in ways we can't even begin to understand. Thank You for leading the way in generosity and for asking us to do the same. Please show us where our mindsets are keeping us from being a blessing to others, and show us how we can change the way we think about our resources. In Jesus' name, amen.

#### Start Doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

- How could you use your resources—time, money, talents, or experiences—to bless someone else?
- Consider how you could love others by serving on the weekend or with a Local Mission Partner.