SO WHAT

- How would you describe yourself as a giver? What challenges do you face in giving?
- Recall a time when your needs were met by the generosity of someone. How did this experience affect you?
- What do you think God wants from us when He asks us to tithe (Leviticus 27:30; Malachi 3:8-12; Proverbs 3:9,10)?
 Why do some people find it difficult to believe in tithing?

NOW WHAT

- How can we be truly generous in our giving? What habits, attitudes, and mindsets need to change? What needs to be developed?
- Besides giving your tithe to the Lord, in what other ways can you be a blessing to God's work (Every Nation Building Phase 2, Real LIFE Foundation, missions, campus, etc.)?
- Brainstorm on how your small group might be generous, either with time or money this coming Christmas season.

PRAYER

- Believe God for abundant provision within your Victory group and local church and for greater faith to give according to God's Word.
- Seek God about whom to bless this week and act in faith immediately.
- Pray for God to transform your mindset about giving and that you will see and look forward to becoming a channel of blessing.



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Giving Generously



NOTES	

CONNECT

- What is one very generous act you have seen someone do? How did it move you?
- Recall the instance you gave the biggest help you can to someone or to a cause. What made you do it?
- Share a time when someone was generous to you. How did it feel? How did you respond?



⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

JOHN 6:8-11 (READ THE WHOLE STORY AT JOHN 6:5-14.)

WHAT

The Bible tells us that God loves a cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7). Why does giving have to be filled with joy? What happens when we follow God and give generously?

1 God can multiply what we give.

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The only food available in an assembly of 5,000 hungry men.

plus women and children was a boy's lunch of five loaves of bread and two fish. But in Jesus' hands, that small lunch fed every single person, and they even had leftovers! God can multiply anything we offer Him just as He did with the boy's
lunch. Tell of a time when God multiplied your resources to meet a pressing need. What did this do to your faith?

2	The needs of other people are met when we give. 16 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to set before the people. 17 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. LUKE 9:16,17 Jesus gave the food to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied! Whenever we give, we have an opportunity to be used by God to meet the
	needs of others, God augments the little that we have to bless more people. Give examples of how God can use us as channels of blessing. What does being a channel of blessing do to us?
3	We are blessed when we give. "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." ACTS 20:35
	We get a greater blessing when we give than when we are on the receiving end. Even modern-day psychology proves that giving leads to more lasting feelings of happiness and well being. In giving, we also receive—a channel is never empty! Enumerate the blessings promised in God's Word about giving.