

THE TRUTH ABOUT TITHE



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Purpose: To develop values and practices related to tithing, to the Storehouse Principle and to the use of the tithe; to show that the tithing practice was not removed in the New Testament era; to develop values in conflict resolution.

Summary of the activities (for facilitators):

- Divide the audience into groups.
- Each group will discuss their assigned questions.
- Call on one representative of each group to share the group's discussed conclusions.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Watch the video with all participants. (The video is available here: https://youtu.be/B_F18hKMzq8)
2. Divide participants into groups of 5-10 persons.
3. Assign one or more questions to each group (each group should have a different question).
4. **Leader and secretary:** Each group will choose a **leader**, who will conduct the discussion, and a **secretary**, who will write the conclusions, and make a report when called upon.
5. **Group opinion:** In case of open questions (no right or wrong answers), the group should discuss which opinion(s) would better express the thought of the entire Group (not only that of the leader).
6. **Duration:** The group should spend no more than five (5) minutes on each question, and secretaries must take no more than one (1) minute when asked to answer publicly.
7. **Growing together:** After the appointed time for the discussion is over, the facilitator will call all secretaries to the front, and ask them to read the conclusions given by their groups. Each secretary will have one minute to read each answer.
8. The facilitator may make comments after each response.

Growing Together

Before discussing the questions, all participants must have watched the video, “The Tithe About Tithe,” available here: (https://youtu.be/B_F18hKMzq8)



1. Mariana found out that one of her neighbors, a single mother, lost her job and is no longer able to provide for her children. Mariana used her tithe to help the neighbor. The following Sabbath, she was trying to get more church members to help that neighbor, suggesting that they use their tithe to help that needy person. What would you do if you were a church leader?

2. A well-known supporting ministry develops new missionary and educative projects in an impoverished country, and they’ve launched a campaign asking for financial support. Carlos is suggesting to some church members, including you, to use part of their tithe to support this missionary project? What will you do?

3. Your church, in a very big city, is undergoing renovations, in anticipation of establishing a Center of Influence, a project worth millions of dollars. Facing substantial financial

challenges, the church's treasurer suggests that you do what, according to him, others are already doing: temporarily diverting their tithe, using it to support the renovation project. What suggestions would you give him to help increase the amounts given toward the church's budget without accepting tithes?

4. What do you believe was the rationale behind God specifying, in a very detailed way, the [1] percentage of the tithe, [2] where to deliver it, and [3] how God's people should use those funds?

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