

# COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

THE TRAP OF MORE  
Message Series

So, What Do I Have to Give?  
May 31, 2026, RVCC Graham

**Bottom Line:** I've never met a faithful, generous giver who regrets their generosity.

1. Have you ever spent money on something you later regretted? What made it feel like a bad investment?

## Read Malachi 3:8–12

2. Malachi confronts God's people for giving half-heartedly. What does this passage reveal about the connection between worship and generosity?
3. The message explained that the tithe supported both worship and care for people in need. Why do you think those two things belong together?
4. Jeff warned against treating giving like a formula for personal wealth. Why can "prosperity gospel" thinking be dangerous to faith?

## Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

5. Paul describes giving as something that should be sacrificial, free, and cheerful. Which of those three feels most challenging to you right now?
6. Pastor Jeff said, "We don't give for the church; we give because we are the church." How does that statement shape the way you think about generosity?
7. Why do you think financial generosity can become like a "first domino" that affects generosity with our time, abilities, and whole life?
8. Jeff described generosity as a ladder: nothing to something, something to regular, regular to sacrificial, and sacrificial to legacy. What would a faithful next step look like for you?

## Application

This week, take time to prayerfully identify your next step of generosity. Ask: *"God, what have you entrusted to me, and how are You inviting me to use it for Your Kingdom?"*

Then choose one practical next step: (1) Start giving something; (2) Make giving regular; (3) Increase toward sacrificial generosity; (4) Consider a legacy-level gift from a major blessing, bonus, sale, inheritance, or long-term plan; (5) Look at your time and abilities and ask where God is inviting you to serve more open-handedly.

Close your group by praying for courage to trust God with what He has placed in your hands.



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So, What Do I Have to Give?  
May 31, 2026, RVCC Parkland

**Bottom Line: Giving is not something God commands because He needs us, but because it is one of His ways of forming us.**

1. What is something you started doing because you “had to,” but over time it actually shaped you in a good way?

## Read Malachi 3:7–10

2. In this passage, God invites His people to return to Him through their tithes and offerings. What stands out to you about the connection between giving and returning to God?
3. The message clarified that Malachi is not teaching, “Give 10% and God will make you rich.” Why is that an important distinction?
4. The tithe helped form God’s people in gratitude and generosity while also participating in God’s mission by caring for the Temple and those in need. How do those two purposes help you think about giving differently?

## Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8

5. Paul says each person should give what they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion. What does this teach us about the kind of giving God desires?
6. Pastor Joe said the better question is not, “How much is the church asking from me?” but, “Jesus, how would you like to form me in my finances?” How does that shift the conversation?
7. Why do you think giving can be such a powerful practice for shaping who we become?
8. Joe described generosity as a ladder: nothing to something, something to regularly, regularly to sacrificially, and sacrificially to legacy. Where do you sense God inviting you to take a next step?

## Application

Spend a few minutes quietly asking God: *“How would you like to form me in my finances, and how are you inviting me into your mission?”*

Then identify one next step on the generosity ladder:

Nothing to something — Give for the first time

Something to regularly — Make giving a consistent practice

Regularly to sacrificially — Choose to live with less and give more

Sacrificially to legacy — Invest in God’s Kingdom in a way that outlives you

Close by praying that God would form your group into people marked by gratitude, trust, and generosity.

