

GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

SESSION TWO: GIVING TO OTHERS

All we have comes from God. When we acknowledge him by giving back a small portion of what he has given us, our faith is deepened and our relationship with him is strengthened in surprising and powerful ways.

For Christians, tithing isn't about a percentage or dollar amount. It's about a relationship. Jesus tells us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). Giving to the church is about loving God by placing our trust in him instead of in our possessions.

VIDEO

Watch the short video as a group or individually before group.

DISCUSS

- 1. Are you a planner, or do you tend to fly by the seat of your pants? How has that tendency influenced the way you manage your finances?
- 2. During the message, Andy said most people spend, repay debt, pay taxes, save, and give in that order. To what extent does that describe your current financial priorities?
- 3. Does prioritizing your finances so that you give first, save, then live on the rest sound realistic to you? Why or why not?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7. How would you go about deciding what to give?
- 5. What are some obstacles to you giving to the local church? What would you have to do to overcome those obstacles? If you already give, talk about how that has changed your relationship with God.

NEXT STEP

Take a moment now in group and get out your mobile device. Sign up today to start giving to others. Feel nervous? Start small and begin by giving \$5 a month or a dollar a day. Watch what God does in your heart and with your generosity! Visit <u>buckheadchurch.org/give</u>.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34)

Need help with your personal finances? Check out Money Wise.

PRAY

Pray that God will direct you on how to help others financially and to be a cheerful giver.

