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## Living New | Week 10

### Generosity: Increasing as an Investor

Ask your group members to share something that especially stood out to them, that especially encouraged them, or that they found especially helpful from the message or FONL study material this week. If your group is large, you may only have time for four or five responses.

Read Haggai 2:8, Deuteronomy 8:18, Job 41:11, Leviticus 25: 23, and Psalm 24:1. On a large Post-it, write "If we really believed that God owns everything, then . . ." Leave room for 5-7 responses. Ask the group to brainstorm how they would complete the sentence in light of the truths of Scripture. Write down their responses on the Post-it.

Read the story of the faithful steward in Matthew 25. On a Post-it, make two columns, one entitled "Faithful Steward" and the other entitled "Unfaithful Steward." Ask the group to list characteristics of both. Write down their responses. Then ask them to evaluate themselves based on the list. Ask one of the members of the group to lead in prayer.

Print out the story about Bill and Vonette Bright's contract with God (found in Week 10, Day 1). Ask the LifeGroup members what might keep some followers of Christ from signing a contract like that.

Ask another member to read through the husband-wife illustration on in Week 10, Day 2. Ask the group how they would connect the dots between our generosity and our love for Christ.

Have someone in the group read 2 Corinthians 8:9. On a Post-it, create four quadrants. At the top left, write "Riches of Jesus." At the top right, write "Poverty of Jesus." At the bottom left, write "Our poverty." At the bottom right, write "Our riches." Ask the group to list three or four items under each category. Encourage the group to articulate the benefits of accessing what some have called "The Great Swap-out."

Have the group share stories of 3-5 people who have influenced them the most spiritually. Ask, "How did they invest their dollars to impact you spiritually?" (See Week 10, Day 3.)

Bring a rope or string. Stretch it across the room. Put a dot on it somewhere close to the middle. This illustrates "Living for the line and not for the dot" as discussed in Week 10, Day 3. Ask the group to discuss why it's foolish to live for the dot. Ask them to discuss what it means to live for the line.

Read Malachi 3:8-10. Ask the group members to share some words that describe their personal feelings and attitudes about tithing. (Read the words listed in Week 10, Day 4 to prompt their responses.) Ask your group members to share their thoughts and feelings with the group. Don't try to correct those feelings. Instead, use those feelings as fuel for your prayer for one another.

Print out the first few paragraphs regarding progressive giving in Week 10, Day 5. Read those paragraphs to the group. On a Post-it, write "Benefits: Progressive Giving." Ask the group to brainstorm some of the possible benefits that a believer might experience because of a growth in percentage giving and generosity. Write down the responses on the Post-it.

Close your time in prayer, asking each person to pray for growth and generosity in the life of the person to his/her right.