Life Group Preparation Notes
Daniel Erasmus – Sunday 7 November 2021
Uncomplicated: Finances – Principle of the First

Note for the facilitator: We are increasingly aware of how important our own preparation is as the key to being able to be vulnerable in group as well as learning from what God is saying to one another through the Word that we are reading. Let us keep encouraging one another to anchor our lives in God.

Worship: Spend time throughout the week during your time with God listening to Nothing Else by Cody Carnes. As you spend time in worship, declare that God is enough in every circumstance!

Check-In: Share one thing you are celebrating from the past week.

Bible Readings: Anchor: Matthew 6:33; Exodus 13:1-2, 12-13; Psalm 50:1; Romans 3:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Malachi 3:10-11; Psalm 18:25; Proverbs 3:9-10; Exodus 23:19; Genesis 4:3-5; Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30; Matthew 6:21

Preparation and Discussion for Group Time:

1. Is God first in your life (every area, not just finances)? How do you put God first in all areas? What steps do you need to take to put Him first?
2. Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring all the tithes (the tenth) into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of Heaven and pour out for you (so great) a blessing until there is no more room to receive it."

   What have you learnt through your faith journey when putting God first by tithing? What has God challenged you about this?
3. "When we give God of our first, we see how God is able to bless the rest." How have you seen God provide for you as you have lived out this principle? What steps could you take to start putting God first (even in your finances)?
4. Joshua 1:9 says, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

   What area of your finances do you need hope in? How can we support those in our group with taking these areas

Prayer time:

Pray for the group as you commit to putting God first with your finances especially by bringing your tithe to Him. Here is the prayer we prayed together in week 1.

Love God:

- **Read Malachi 3:10** and ask God to help you trust Him as you "put Him to the test with this".
- For personal study, here are some suggested **YouVersion** and **RightNow Media** devotionals:
  - Keep The Change: Managing Your Money Wisely by Life.Church
  - If Money Talked by Andy Stanley

Love People:

There are many opportunities to Love People coming up – see the Church Center App for more information:

- There are a few discipleship opportunities coming up – all details on the Church Center App