

**Giving It All**  
**Text: Psalm 49**  
**February 27-28, 2010**



## Start It

**(10 Minutes)**

- What is the best gift you have ever received?
- What is the best gift that you have ever given?
- What do you think the best kind of gift is?



## Share It

**(10 Minutes)**

- Share some of your recollections about money and church?
  - Did your parents teach you to “tithes?”
  - Have you ever been of the belief that the church is out to get your money or that the church talks about money too much?
- Share some of your personal experiences with giving?
  - Is this a new concept?
  - Is this one you struggle with?
  - Do you have a story about giving that would benefit the group?
  - What questions do you have about giving and tithing?
- Were there any specific memorable things that Jim said in his sermon?



## Video

**(15 Minutes)**

- What were some of Lisa's main points?
- In what ways did she describe tithing as worship?
- How did the story of her son demonstrate this?
- Can you relate to Lisa's idea that her "checkbook" is the Lord's? What are some struggles you have with this idea (be specific)?



## Study It

**(35 Minutes)**

### **Read Psalm 49**

- Generally, what do you think this Psalm is trying to teach us about money?
- How did Jim's sermon relate this Psalm to worship?
- After reading the Psalm, what are some ideas that you had about what the Psalm says about what we put our trust in? (Especially look at verses 9-11 and 15.)
- How did this Psalm, and Jim's interpretation, teach giving as an act of worship?

Read Leviticus 23:30-34; Numbers 18:20-29; Deuteronomy 14:22-27; Malachi 3:6-10; Matthew 19:16-30.

- What more do you learn about “tithing” from these verses?
- What questions do they bring up?
- Concerning Matthew 19. The Jews of Jesus day saw riches as a sign of God’s blessings.
  - How does Jesus call this belief into question?
  - From what you know about other New Testament teachings on money would you say the Old Testament law on tithing is or is not still in force today?
  - What do you believe Jesus would say to Christians in the United States today concerning money and giving?



## Live It

**(10 Minutes)**

- What might the difference be between “tithes” and “offerings”?
- Should the whole “tithes” be given to the local church? What would it look like if everyone “tithed”?
- How might having a proper understanding of money and the discipline of tithing help with the money problems that are so prevalent in our society and such a struggle in so many families?
- If a non-Christian friend asked you about tithing, how would you explain why Christian's tithes?
- What would you say to someone who says they give their “time” rather than their “money”? Or to someone who is out of work about tithing?



## Pray It

**(10 Minutes)**

- If you feel comfortable, ask the groups to pray with you concerning any struggles you have about money.
- As a group pray about taking up a special Easter Offering. What might you give, and what might you give to?
- Share any prayer requests and close in conversational prayer. Try not to pray around the circle allowing each person to pray (a short sentence) as they feel lead, praying about one topic at a time.