

Small Group Discussion Questions



// Week of May 12, 2024

LEADER INFO

- This Sunday we have Baptisms! Text "Dunk" to 604-670-3040 to sign up for our May 19th Baptism

GROW This section is based on the sermon from Sunday. You can find it here: <https://www.southsidelife.com/>

ICE BREAKER What is one highlight from your week? One lowlight?

Sinking Sand

"Something significant was happening: I was learning how to surrender to God. One faltering step closer to him at a time."

Read

Psalm 40:2

He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and He will make your paths straight.

Malachi 3:10

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, 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 such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes.”

1. “I felt like God said to me...”

- a. Corinne shared that God “spoke to her” and explained that how God speaks to us is not an audible voice, or writing in the sky. It’s often one of three things:
 - i. What jumps out to you when you read the Bible
 - ii. A strong impression you get that you can’t shake
 - iii. A thought that pops into your head that surprises you because you wouldn’t have thought of it on your own
 1. Have you ever felt like God speaks to you? How so in your experience?
 2. If not, what questions might you have about it?

2. Tithe

- a. The bible tells us that we should bring 1/10 back to God, by giving to the church. Read Malachi 3:10 (above).
 - i. What does God promise us when we surrender our finances to Him?
- b. Have you had an experience with tithing? What was it?
 - i. If not, what are your questions, hesitations or fears about it?
- c. Pastor Mike often says that “when something is simple but it’s not easy, it’s probably a spiritual battle”
 - i. Why would our spiritual enemy (the devil) want us to keep from surrendering our finances to God?
 - ii. Corinne said on Sunday that “people often think they can’t afford to tithe, when in reality, Malachi 3:10 tells us that we can’t afford not to tithe.”
 1. What do you think that means?

3. Blessed to be a blessing

- a. Corinne shared that God moved her and her family into their neighbourhood and she met her neighbour, who was going through a crisis. Living next door, she was able to introduce her neighbour to Jesus, and she gave her life to Him. Jesus strengthened her and brought her through that storm.
 - i. Have you ever felt like God gave you something so you could help someone else? (ie. “blessed to be a blessing”)
 - ii. How do you think that applies to our finances?

Pray