**Malachi 3:6-12 & 2 Corinthians 8:7-9**

**“Handling Money God’s Way”**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Tell a story you have heard about a greedy person, maybe someone you actually know or a story you have read.
2. Talk about the view of money you were taught growing up. How careful was money handled? Was budgeting taught?
3. When did you first come to realize the trap money could be? How did that show up in your life?
4. What comes to your mind when you think about us “pillaging” God by not giving tithes and offerings?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 8 and 9 and note all the points you can find about our view of money.
6. When was the last time you sat down and carefully calculated the percentage of your income you give away? Not for a while – do it! If you want to be brave and bold, share it with your group.
7. What has helped and hindered you in your progress toward generosity?
8. Talk about what might help you break the grip of greed and materialism. Perhaps you might choose to construct a detailed budget for the first time – with someone’s help. Or, maybe you’d like your group to do a financial management study next. Come up with some practical steps that will help each other move toward maturity in handling money.