



Small Group Questions Week 4

1. In farming, there is a principle that every farmer is aware of known as “The Law of the Harvest”. This “law” has three ideas: You reap what you sow, you reap later than you sow, and you reap much more than you sow. From what we have learned so far about finances, how does this law apply to giving to God?
2. Read John 6:5-13 together. In this story, a boy is mentioned, what was his role in the story? Put yourself in the shoes of this boy. Why do you think he offered his lunch to the disciples? What did Andrew say about his lunch? What did the boy get to witness as a result of his generosity? How are we like this boy?
Answer—We are like this boy in that sometimes what we have to give to God, in our view, is such a little bit that there is no way that it will make a difference. And yet as a result of his willingness to give up his lunch, the boy watched Jesus bless his gift, multiply it, and feed up to 10,000 people when you count the women and children who would have been with the men. He then saw that the left-overs from his lunch filled 12 baskets, so he got his lunch back and much more. What seems to be small in our eyes can achieve great things when we put it in the hand of God and he multiplies it to help many people.
3. Pastor Rick said that treasure sharers will have good fortune in life. What does it mean to be fortunate in life? We know God can bless us financially, but what other more important ways can God give us good fortune?
Answer—The areas of life that are much more important than finances that God can bless are: good health, good relationships, a good family life, unconditional love an acceptance, all of the immaterial things that make life worth living.
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. The most important thing that we have learned in this series is that by giving to God, I am making an investment in eternity. What do you think this means?
Answer—This means that our giving has an effect on eternity. We will be rewarded by God with things that last forever and what we give will cause more people to be in heaven for eternity. We can convert a temporary thing (money, our time, etc.) into something that lasts forever. This is the best investment plan in existence.