

Life Groups: *Connecting people to God, His Word, and One Another*

Questions from Pastor Bill's Message on Jan. 28.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO ONE ANOTHER.

- 1) Share a lesson about sharing that has changed your life.
- 2) Tell us about a special gift you received that had an impact on your life.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD'S WORD. [Read Malachi 3:8-12](#)

- 1) How can people rob God?
- 2) Any guesses as to why God is referencing storehouses and food as part of the tithes? (*The Israelites tithed their grain, produce, and brought animal sacrifices that fed the Levites and the poor. No tithes meant no financial support and food for the priest and the poor.*)

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD THROUGH THE SERMON AND PRAYER:

QUESTIONS FROM THE SERMON:

- 1) How do material possessions affect one's spiritual life?
- 2) What did you take away from the story about *Ellen Hirschy*? The poor 85 year old lady who gave Pastor Bill a can of corn? Why did that touch Pastor Bill's heart so much?
- 3) What does PB mean when he says our finances give insight into our spiritual health? How can that be?
- 4) Pastor Bill had some great illustrations this week: quarter teaspoon, can of corn, hymnals in 1st service and basketballs in 2nd service. What did you take away from those illustrations?
- 5) What do people mean when they say you cannot out give God? Is that true? Give examples.
- 6) What stood out to you? What did you write down in your notes?

APPLYING THIS LESSON:

- 1) What practical steps did PB give to move toward growing our giving?
#1 Audit your giving. #2 Get started. #3 Get out of dept.
- 2) God is so Good! Throughout much of last year, many of our church leaders feared that we could finish the year with more expenses than we had income. It was a big concern, but God met our needs through very generous giving throughout December. This December was the most generous giving month we've had in years. It was unbelievable! People gave over \$272,000 in December. I also received word this morning that the Grabill Food Bank is praising God for the giving from our congregation because they received their 2nd biggest total from Meijer Simply Give campaign. What happened? Please thank and praise God for his provision and for generous hearts.

"24" The Sermon Series-Pastor Kelley made a video for his upcoming sermon series and placed it online with the hope that some people would come to church who need to hear a message of hope after facing a major storm in life. Do you know of anyone who would benefit from coming to church to hear this message? How could we help promote this series to people who need it?

PRAYER:-How can we pray for you tonight? How can we uplift our church and the pastoral transition?