

Day One: Malachi 3:6-12

- What does God declare about himself (6)? How does he reveal this to be true in your own life? What are his steadfast qualities? What framework or inspiration do they provide for giving?
- What does God's unchanging nature mean for his people (6)? However, how have they historically treated the Lord (7)? What does he want them to do; what deal does he propose (7)? What do the people ask about his proposal (7)?
- Summarize God's vision for the people's return to him (8-12). When we withhold from God and fail to give him his due, what impact do you think that makes on us? When we do the opposite, what are some things we may experience? What patterns of generosity and drawing near to the divine do you sense God asking you to adopt? What is one practical step you can take to move in this direction?

Day Two: Matthew 6:19-24

- What happens to earthly treasures (19)? What should we accumulate instead (20)? Why (20-21)? How would you define "treasures in heaven"? What are some examples?
- In verse 21, Jesus is telling us that what we invest in - with time, money, mental energy and other resources - is what will capture our hearts. Where do you invest the bulk of these resources? Ask the Lord to share his feelings on this matter. If you sense a re-prioritization of investments is in order, so that Jesus can capture your heart, what is the first change needed to make this shift?
- Summarize the metaphor Jesus describes in verses 22-23. Having an unhealthy eye is akin to being materialistic; it darkens the entire person. What do you think of this? How else does Jesus explain the threat greed poses to worshipping God (24)?

Day Three: Mark 2:23-28

- Set the scene of this text (23). What did the Pharisees ask Jesus (24)? While the Sabbath was rightfully important, these religious experts were presumptuous about God's intentions for it. How might fervor or strong opinions you hold cloud your judgment? What better way does Jesus want to offer you?
- Summarize the Old Testament story Jesus tells not only to illustrate his views on the Sabbath, but also as a nod to his royalty (25-26). Consider the unique way storytelling conveys truth. What impact do Jesus' stories in particular make on you? Ask him to tell you a story about the goodness of giving.
- What did Jesus then explicitly say about the Sabbath (27-28)? Just as rest is good for us, so is giving from a place of rest. What does giving in such a way look like for you? Pray that giving from a place of rest would characterize your generosity and sacrifices.

Day Four: Luke 21:1-4

- Where was Jesus, and what was he watching people do (1-2)? On their surface, how do the offerings of the rich compare with the poor widow's offering? How do you think each camp – the rich and the widow – felt as they were making their offering?
- What was Jesus' assessment of the offerings (3-4)? What do you think of his assertion? When is it easy for you to give? What sort of spiritual impact do you find easy giving makes on you? What about when it feels like you're giving all you have? Invite the Lord into this reflection; what do you sense him speaking?

- Toward what sorts of efforts and causes are you likely to give all you have? When it comes to the mission of God – his intention to have his presence permeate every aspect of creation – what role do you think giving plays? What are some ways you can give your all toward God's mission?

Day Five: 2 Corinthians 8:8-15

- Rather than issuing a command, what does Paul do instead (8)? What does he say about the incarnation (9)? In this practical text on giving, why do you think Paul points to this? How does giving echo the tangibility and messiness of the incarnation?
- What does Paul recount about the Corinthians' giving (10)? What does he want them to do (11)? What makes a gift acceptable (12)? Often, we begin with enthusiasm, but then fail to finish what we started. When has that been your experience? Pray for change: for resolve to give your all, all the way to the end.
- Instead of scorekeeping, what concerns Paul about giving (13-14)? What do you think it means for there to be equality in giving? What snippet from Exodus illustrates Paul's point (15)? If you worry that giving will cause you to be in need, lift the concern up to the Lord. As he always provided for the wandering Israelites, so will he for you. Ask him to cement this truth in your heart.