

# IN GOD WE TRUST

## Sermon Discussion Guide

*Week 1 - Pastor Rob Ketterling*

### Let's Recap:

Our generosity is simply a response to God's infinite generosity toward us. In fact, God calls us to be generous with all we have, and tithing is an important and faith-stretching step to help us grow by giving God the "first bite" of our finances.

### Tune In:

You could say God was generous to us this past weekend with some unexpected but well-received warm weather! How did everyone take advantage of the warm weekend? In preparation for this week's discussion, read the following passages together: 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Deuteronomy 14:23, and Matthew 6:19-21.

### Go Deep:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word tithe? Are you excited, skeptical, confused, etc? In other words, what's your emotional response to tithing, and how does that affect your perspective on generosity?
2. Matthew 6:21 says "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Have you ever placed your treasure somewhere other than in God? How does placing your treasure in God differ from placing your treasure in earthly things or people?
3. Take a moment to share a giving story. Ex: When your first started tithing and God provided for you or when you felt the Holy Spirit nudge you to give to a person in need or an organization and you were able to see the fruits of your obedience.

### Live Out:

God asks us to give Him the "first bite". Take some time this week to pray together and seek what God is asking us give back to him, and trust that when we respond to His call, He will be faithful to us.

