



First Fruits

Main Scripture: Genesis 4:1-11
Additional Scriptures: Exodus 13:1-2, 12-13, 23:19,
Malachi 3:10, Hebrews 11:4

Discussion Questions

- “It is one thing to know something and another to experience what you know.” What do you think Pastor Mike meant by that?
 - Can you give some examples outside of tithing?
- **Read Genesis 4:1-11.** Why does God regard Abel’s sacrifice and not regard Cain’s?
- **Read Malachi 3:8-10.** Try to set aside any religious baggage from hearing this verse misused and read it for what it is...
 - Does this change your perspective on tithing at all?
 - How does blessing and curses come into play with tithing?
- **Read Exodus 13:1-2.** “The tithe is out of your control. It’s the first fruits, so it is the Lord’s money! You can’t designate it or make the choice where it goes. It is not your choice to make.”
 - So how would you correct someone who designates their tithes or considers helping the homeless or taking someone out to eat as their tithe using Scripture?
- **Read Hebrews 11:4.** How does tithing force you to rely on faith?
 - Should people limit themselves to just the tithe? Why or why not? Give specific reasons and not just say yes because you know it is the right answer!
- **Read John 1:29 and Exodus 23:12-13.** How does the principle of tithing point us back to Jesus? How does it point us to redemption?