



# Small Group Study Guide for November 18, 2018

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** The Kingdom of God is a relationship of love – first with God and then with our neighbor. This relationship is based on God’s love that He has shown us in sending His Son, and it is His love that then overflows to those around us. Love is the fulfillment of the law, and the basis for our praise, thanksgiving, tithes and offerings, and joyful generosity.

## **Getting Started:**

1. Does your Thanksgiving meal look like, and whom do you share it with?
2. Have you bought any Christmas presents for people yet? If not, when do you plan to do that?

## **In the Word: Malachi 3:8-12**

3. This passage is not simply addressing the issue of tithing, but a bigger part of Israel’s relationship to the Lord. Look at the prior verse, Malachi 3:7 – what is the real issue that God wants to address?

4. What was the purpose of bringing tithes and offerings to the temple?

If you need some clues, look up:

Leviticus 5:17-6:7

Numbers 18:21-29

Deuteronomy 12:5-7

Deuteronomy 26:12-13

2 Chronicles 31:3-8

Psalm 54:6-7

5. Going back to the passage in Malachi 3 – what is God’s promise for those who bring the full tithe to the Lord?

