

## God's Call to Care



## Malachi 3:10-12

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.

## **Thoughts & Questions**

Ponder the art on the cover slide Who do you identify as the helper? Why? What strikes you about this picture?

What is God asking of us in the focal verse?

What does God promise in return?

Do you find yourself sometimes focused on what you do not have or worrying about not having enough?

Why or why not?

What do you think contributes to folks who have plenty feeling driven to keep accumulating more wealth?

## **Closing Prayer**

Gracious God,

As we focus this week on those who are food insecure, I pray for those who must make choices between eating healthy meals and paying bills. I pray for those in positions of power to help make funding available to support the vast and growing need for food assistance.

You have given me so much and yet I often worry about having enough. I am so grateful for all You have given me. Help me alter my focus to those who are truly in need. Use my gifts and talents to make a difference.

In Christ's Name - Amen