1. **1 Corinthians 16:1-4**

* What day, is the first day of the week?
* What did “Paul” order the churches to do, “on the first day of the week”?
* Why do you think Paul chose this specific day?
* **Numbers 18:21**
* Who gets the “tithe” according to **Numbers**?
* Why do they get the “tithe”?
* Where does the word “tithe” come from and what does it actually mean, please research it and share?
* **Nehemiah** **13:10-13**
* In **Nehemiah**, what items are listed as the “tithe”?
* Where do the people take the “tithe” to, according to **Nehemiah**?
* What does providing the “tithe” to the “Levites” and “singers” accomplish?
* **Malachi 3:5-10**
* What seems to be offending God in these **verses** in **Malachi**?
* What is God asking of his people in **Malachi**?
* What is this “storehouse” the book of **Malachi** speaks of (consider the words of **Nehemiah**)?
* What do you think the “whole tithe” was during the time of the book of **Malachi**?
* What is the benefit of offering yourselves and your belongings to God according to **Malachi**?
* Are God’s “blessings” monetary or is there something more, please share your thoughts?
* Reflect on **verse 8** of **Malachi**, have you ever felt guilty of “robbing” the Lord in some way? Please share an experience if you are willing…
* **Matthew 23:23**
* Does it sound like the Pharisees Jesus addressed paid their “whole tithe”?
* How important are material “tithes” to Jesus, according to what you hear in the **Gospel**?
* **Luke 18:24-30**
* What have “Peter” and the Apostles given up according to the scriptures?
* What does Jesus Christ reveal about those who have “given”?
* How much must one “set aside” for the “collections” according to **1st Corinthians**?
* **2nd Corinthians 5:9-10**
* What do you believe God wants of us, in regard to how we approach offering to him?
* What is the Church’s official teaching on tithing, according to what you know or have heard?
* **Catechism 2043, 2208, 2449**
* According to the **Catechism**, how much must each of us as faithful Catholics tithe?
* Reflect back on Paul’s words in **1st Corinthians 16:2**, does the **Catechism** seem to agree/align with Paul’s words?
* **St. Chrysostom** (347-407 AD) *Homily in Lazaro 2,5: Page 48, 992*

“Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs.”

* Please share your thoughts about **St. Chrysostom’s** comment.
* Please share something new or meaningful that you learned in today’s lesson.