JESUS AND THE TITHE
**Group Activity**

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**Purpose:** To develop values related to conflict resolution, the use of the tithe, and the proportional system of giving.

**Summary of the activities (for facilitators):**

- Divide the audience into groups.
- Each group will discuss their assigned questions.
- Call on one representative of each group to share the group’s discussed conclusions.

**General Instructions:**

1. Watch the video with all participants. (The video is available here: [https://youtu.be/GhkUQyQanCo](https://youtu.be/GhkUQyQanCo)).
2. Divide participants into groups of 5-10 persons.
3. Assign one or more questions to each group (each group should have a different question).
4. **Leader and secretary:** Each group will choose a **leader**, who will conduct the discussion, and a **secretary**, who will write the conclusions, and make a report when called upon.
5. **Group opinion:** In case of open questions (no right or wrong answers), the group should discuss which opinion(s) would better express the thought of the entire Group (not only that of the leader).
6. **Duration:** The group should spend no more than five (5) minutes on each question, and secretaries must take no more than one (1) minute when asked to answer publicly.
7. **Growing together:** After the appointed time for the discussion is over, the facilitator will call all secretaries to the front, and ask them to read the conclusions given by their groups. Each secretary will have one minute to read each answer.
8. The facilitator may make comments after each response.
1. Robert, a faithful Adventist entrepreneur, values and promotes Adventist Education. Besides having all his children studying at the Adventist School, he is using part of his tithe to support poor theology students and is encouraging other members to do the same. “After all,” he says, “those students will become pastors and will later be supported by the same tithe!” As a church leader, what would you do and say? (Does your answer have any biblical support?)

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2. Sharon, a very conservative member, does not agree with some decisions of the leaders of her Conference, whom she describes as “liberals.” How would you respond to her questions about where else she may send her tithe? (Is your answer supported by the Bible?)

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3. Andre is distraught that his many requests to receive a visit from his church’s pastor have
gone unanswered. As a result, he’s decided to send his tithe to an ADRA project in the Peruvian Amazon. Based on the Bible, what would you counsel him to do?

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4. Gustav, a very influential and wealthy member of your church is publicly promoting the idea that the tithe is an Old Testament’s institution that no longer needs to be observed in the New Testament era.
   a. Using your Bible, how would you respond to Gustav’s reasoning?
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   b. If you were a church leader, what would be the best thing to do? Would you confront Gustav publicly? Would it be best to remain silent in order to avoid the risk of conflict? Using biblical principles of conflict resolution, how could you help him grow?
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