

# Blood and Thunder

## Ride The Lightning

### TALK IT OVER

#### Key Scripture

*Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord ... and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves ..." Luke 2:22, 24 NKJV*

*... behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way. Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Matthew 2:9-15 NKJV*

*"And if she cannot afford a lamb then she shall take two turtledoves ..." Leviticus 12:8 ESV*

*Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 NIV*

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the weirdest Christmas gift you've ever received?
- What are you still thinking about from Pastor Levi's message?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11. What do you think it would look like to be generous on every occasion?
- Why do you think living generously is such a consistent theme in Scripture?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What makes you excited about giving to God?
- What are you excited to give to God?
- If the wise men's gifts helped pay Jesus' way to Egypt, how can you generously pave the way for Jesus in your community?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

God, we trust You with our incomes, with our belongings, our talents, our time, and our relationships. We want to use what we have to make Your name known in our community and world. Show us where and how we can be more generous with what we have. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What gifts will you offer Jesus this week? How will you remember to be generous on every occasion?
- If you're not financially giving back to God regularly, consider taking the three-month tithe challenge: [www.go2.lc/tithe](http://www.go2.lc/tithe)
- Start this Life.Church Bible Plan about generosity: [www.go2.lc/generous](http://www.go2.lc/generous)