Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, September 29, 2019

What Does Jesus Do During The Offering Time?

Mark 12:41-44

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Get to Know You

What is the most memorable purchase you ever made?

Study the Book

Jesus Observes Our Giving

Read Mark 12:41-42

Why do we find it so difficult to talk about money?

How would it make you feel if someone was looking over your shoulder while you were giving your offering?

How can the offering be a worshipful experience? How might it not be a worshipful experience?

When we give our children money to give at church, we may watch them to make sure they completely put it in the offering plate. How does knowing our Heavenly Father is watching impact us as His children in regard to generosity?

Jesus Reacts to Our Giving

Read Mark 12:43-44

Have you ever thought of Jesus reacting to your giving?

How did Jesus react to the widow's gift?

Why would it have been particularly tough for this widow to give anything?

Pastor Tom said that the rich gave out of their *perisseuontos* or abundance. In your own words, what does it mean that they gave out of their abundance?

How would you describe the gift of the widow?

How does Jesus value generosity and gifts compared to the world?

Group Application Discussion

Have group members share a few testimonies of how they have grown spiritually through giving. Have them share obstacles and practical tips that helped them practice this spiritual discipline.

The widow gave everything that she had; what does it mean for us to give all of ourselves to Jesus?

Live the Book (Personal Reflection and Application)

Are you giving out of sacrifice or abundance? Consider what God would have you give and be obedient to His leading.