

LEADER DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Spring 2022

Week of January 23

Your Best Life

Announcements:

- Mens Gathering: Monday, January 31st at 6:30pm
- Rooted Event: Friday, February 11th
- Equip Classes begin on Sunday, January 24th, 5-6:30

DISCUSSION FOCUS

Read (Primary Text): 2 Corinthians 9:5-1, Mark 12:41-44

Supporting Texts: Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 6:24; 1 John 4:9-10; Romans 11:33-12:2; Phillipians 2:5-12

MAIN IDEA:

Christ has given so much to us. Let us give generously to God because of his generosity to us.

OBSERVE

Read 2 Corinthians 9: 5-11 and Mark 12:41-4

What does Paul say that God loves in 2 Corinthians 9? *A cheerful giver. (v. 7).*

What kind of giving does 2 Corinthians 9 disapprove of? *Giving that is reluctant or under compulsion. (v. 7).*

In Mark 12, how much does the widow put into the offering? *Two small coins worth very little. (v. 42).*

Despite the small sum, Jesus said she put in more than all the rich people. Why? *They gave out of their surplus, she gave from what she had to live on. (v. 44).*

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INTERPRET

How does the story of the woman with the two small coins challenge our culture's understanding of generosity? Often we think generosity has to do with how much we give. This story shows that it is the sacrificiality of the giving and not the amount that determines generosity.

What does our generosity in giving to God reveal about our hearts? Jesus says our treasure and our hearts are linked. If we are unwilling to give generously and sacrificially that reveals something about what we really treasure. (Matthew 6:19-21; 24).

What should cause our hearts to overflow into generosity? We should be generous out of love for Christ and all that he has done for us. (1 John 4:9-10; Romans 11:33-12:2; Philippians 2:5-12).

RESPOND

How has the story of the woman with the two coins caused you to reevaluate your own generosity?

How can you seek to be more cheerful when you give to God?

APPLY

What are some ways you can seek to be more generous in your giving to God?

Scripture warns about trumpeting our generosity to seek the praise of others. (Matthew 6:1-4). With those verses in mind, how can we nonetheless allow trusted brothers and sisters to speak into our lives when it comes to generosity?