

Me or the Mission?

Community Group Leaders Guide

Mark 12:41-44 /// Week of January 14

Have fun with the ice breaker question and don't forget about the sermon question.

Today's big idea: Money can compete with God's mission.

- When you were in high school, what was the craziest thing you spent money on?
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- What did you hear in the sermon that caught your attention?
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

This is a really easy and short story. Give this as an easy opportunity for someone who has never done it before.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of the widow's offering.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Mark 12:41-44 in the Bible.
- What impressed Jesus about the widow's offering?
- Jesus said that she put in "more" than all the others. How did he measure "more"?
- What questions do you have about giving?

Heart

We discuss here the difficulty in talking about money. Model transparency well. Your group will be as vulnerable as you are. Show them how.

- What did you learn about giving, tithing and generosity from your family as you were growing up?
- How do you feel when the church talks about giving and financially supporting God's mission?
Nervous, excited, angry, embarrassed, etc?
- How do you see your money as either supporting God's mission or in competition with God's mission?
(Hint: it could be both.)

Hands

If people are slow to respond here try brainstorming as a group steps of faith that people could take to financially support the mission of God.

- What step of faith could you take regarding sacrificial giving?
- Pray for one another and thank the Father for opportunities to financially support his mission.

Next Week:

Me or the Mission, Acts 20:17-31