

Bible Study Questions

The Sacrificial Giver – Mark 12:41-44

Focus

As we draw nearer to Jesus' self-sacrifice on the cross, this one poor widow shows us what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus – one who gives everything she is and has to God. The point of her commendation, however, is not in how much she was able to give, but in how much she kept.

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[Mark 12:41-44](#)

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CCNYC teaching on Mark 12 which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

1. In verses 41-42, what does Jesus observe at the temple treasury?
2. According to Jesus in verse 43, who gave more?
3. According to verse 44, what's the reasoning behind Jesus' surprising calculation?
4. How would you summarize Jesus' teaching here in your own words?
5. Why do you think Mark might have included these few verses in his Gospel record of Jesus' life? (In trying to answer this question, consider both the immediate context of chapter 12, as well as the larger context of other things Jesus has been teaching in this Gospel.)

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Closing Reflection and Application

6. Why does the Bible have a lot to say about money and our attitude toward it?
7. Do you struggle with or have questions about any of the Bible's teaching about money?
8. What do you think is the application of a passage like this? (What might be some warnings to take from this passage? What might be some encouragements to take?)
9. Sunday's sermon mentioned some 'practical advice' related to proportional giving. How have you approached this subject in the past?
10. Consider your current level of giving both to the church and to other gospel work. Can you honestly describe it as sacrificial? If not, how can you move in a more sacrificial direction?
11. 2 Corinthians 8-9 provides a theology of giving rooted in the gospel. What do you learn about giving from these chapters?
12. Putting all this together, when it comes to money what would a complete giving of yourself to God and loving God with all that you are look like?
13. Applying these principles to global missions, what would a complete self-giving to the support and work of global missions look like for you? What might it look like for our church?
14. Why is such a sacrificial, self-giving attitude needed for the work of carrying out the Great Commission in global missions? (What makes it so urgent and so important? What does Jesus think about global missions and the Great Commission?)