

## Session 8

### ‘The Widow’s Offering’



### Reading: **Mark 12:38-44**

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

#### **WORD:**

We will focus on verses 41-44, The Widow’s Offering, but it is helpful to read verses 38-40 as well.

#### **Ice-Breakers**

- Where have you seen God move recently?
- If you were given one million pounds, what would you do with it? How much would you give away, and to who?

#### **The Widow’s Offering**

- Jesus points out the Widow’s gift to the disciples, but there is no comment on why Jesus wanted the disciples to notice it. What response do you think Jesus did and didn’t want from the disciples in pointing this out?
- What practical things can we do to avoid being like those described in verses 38-40? And what can help us honestly assess this?
- What/who gives you inspiration for being godly with your finances and possessions?
- What would say, from the passage and the whole of the Bible(!) characterizes godly use of our finances?

#### **PRAYER:**

- What prayer response does today’s reading and discussion invite?

#### **ACTION:**

- What practical action does today’s reading and discussion encourage?