

Gospel of Mark
A Generous Woman
For the week of **March 19, 2017**

Apply today's message throughout the week by utilizing this Growth Guide individually, with your family, or in your group.

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GOAL: This week we learn about the importance of generosity in giving back to the local church by looking at the act of a poor widow in Mark 12.

GET GOING:

1. What is the greatest act of generosity you have witnessed, experienced or performed yourself?
2. Read Mark 12:43 again. Why is the widow's small offering the greatest in Jesus' eyes?
3. In the message, Pastor Ron shared several things Jesus does when it comes to generosity. Which of these stands out to you and why?

BONUS THOUGHT:

Based on our average attendance each week, along with the average income in this area, if everyone tithed, we would contribute \$148,000 each week as a church for the advancement of God's Kingdom. That's \$7.7 million each year!

KEEP GROWING

4. Jesus talks about money and how we handle it more than most other topics in the Gospels. Read Mark 12:13-17. In this passage, religious leaders try to trap Jesus by asking about paying taxes.

- The Romans were occupying Israel at the time, so paying taxes in that time was like giving money to your enemy. What about Jesus' response to these Pharisees jumps out to you?
- While the religious leaders focused on paying taxes, Jesus cleverly answers their question, but sheds light on a much bigger picture. Based on what Jesus says, what do you think belongs to God in this passage?
- Just as the image of Caesar was imprinted on the currency of that time, God's image is imprinted on us. How can you practically devote more of your time, talents, and treasures to God?

5. Pastor Ron shared several FAQs about generosity. Look these over again. Are you living a generous life? What, if anything, holds you back from being generous with the gifts God has blessed you with?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Giving Challenge

Whether you haven't given before, or tithe regularly, commit to taking the 3-month Giving Challenge to move up the ladder of generosity. Fill out a card in the service, or pick up a card at the Next Steps area to see how you can help people believe in, belong to, and become more like Jesus through supporting your local church: Highpoint Church.

Be sure to read Mark 13 in preparation for next week's message!

