



ABOVE + BEYOND

MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2 – SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

¹As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ²He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³“Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

– Luke 21:1-4

TENSION QUESTION

How can I be generous if I don't have much to give?

THE SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY OF THE WIDOW'S GIFT

- The widow's gift revealed her _____

Application Point:

Make a _____ to intentionally _____ sacrificial generosity

- The widow's gift revealed her _____ in God to _____ her _____

Application Point:

Give in such a way that your _____ can be _____

- The widow's gift reveals that God's attention is focused upon the heart of the giver

Application Question:

What is the _____ of your giving?

BIG IDEA

Generosity is determined by the _____ of the _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What do you think of when you hear the term generosity?
2. How is it similar to the generosity of the widow? How is it different?
3. How did the widow's gift reveal her priorities?
4. Has someone ever given you a gift as an afterthought? How did it make you feel?
5. Why does sacrificial generosity require an intentional plan?
6. How did the widow's gift reveal her faith in God?
7. What draws God's attention in giving?
8. What are some good motivations for giving? What are some not-so-good motivations?
9. How is the measure of generosity determined?
10. What kind of giving would stretch your faith?