

Grace Groups: When Your Giving Touches God (Week of Oct 19, 2025)

Theme: God sees the heart behind the gift. True generosity flows from devotion, not abundance.

Text: Mark 12:41–44

Leader Reminder: These questions are a tool, not a checklist. Please pick and choose the ones that best serve your group. You will not cover them all.

The order of importance in your group is:

1. Prayer (seek God together)
2. Connection (share life and listen well)
3. Questions (engage Scripture and sermon themes)

Don't sacrifice the first two in order to rush through all the questions.

Warm-Up

What's a small act of generosity or kindness you've seen that made a big impact? *Leader Note: Keep it light and story-oriented. Encourage people to think beyond money—time, attention, or encouragement count, too.*

Dig Deeper

1. The widow saw giving as an opportunity, not an obligation. How does that mindset shift our approach to generosity—in finances, time, or service? *Leader Note: Draw out examples of joyful giving. Remind the group that generosity reflects trust, not transaction. (See 2 Corinthians 9:7)*
2. Jesus noticed the widow giving, but others ignored her (Mark 12:43). What does that tell us about what God values vs what people value? *Leader Note: Invite discussion about unseen faithfulness—doing what's right even when no one applauds.*
3. Jesus said she gave “out of her poverty” while others gave “out of abundance.” Why do you think her faith moved Him so deeply? What does her giving reveal about her priorities? Where do your spending or sacrifices show what you value most? *Leader Note: Focus on trust in God's provision. Highlight that faith-filled giving brings God pleasure because it depends fully on Him. (See Hebrews 11:6) Help the group reflect honestly without guilt or comparison. Emphasize that God looks at the heart, not the amount. (See Matthew 6:21)*
5. Gospel Connection: How does the widow's sacrifice point us to Jesus—who “though He was rich, yet for our sake became poor” (2 Corinthians 8:9)? *Leader Note: Emphasize that the ultimate example of generous love is Christ Himself. Anchor the discussion in gratitude for the gospel.*

Application:

1. What might it look like this week to give in a way that touches God's heart—through time, encouragement, or resources?
2. Where might God be inviting you to trust Him more deeply with what you have?

Leader Note: Be the first to share a personal example. Encourage practical, small steps of obedience—no one should leave feeling pressured.

Prayer Focus:

Thank God for seeing our hearts, not just our hands. Pray for faith to give freely, joyfully, and sacrificially—trusting that God sees, provides, and delights in our devotion.