

# York St Small Groups

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 17 November 2019

### The Road

#### Money, Money, Money

#### Mark 12:41-44



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.

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**Q1.** The Bible has a lot to say about money and generosity. In what ways can we be generous to each other?

**Q2.** Have you ever given something to someone not realising just how much it meant to them until you saw their reaction when they accepted the gift?

## INTO THE WORD

### **Read Luke 12:41-44**

**Q3.** God calls us to trust Him by putting our faith in Him. We see this lived out in this example of how the widow lived out her faith by being generous with everything she had. Does this mean that the rich people (v41) are not living by faith?

### **Read 2 Corinthians 8:12**

**Q4.** God does not care about the amount that is given, He cares about the heart with which it is given. Can you think of a time when you gave or received something of significance? How was your heart in that moment?

### **Read Acts 20:35**

**Q5.** Jesus speaks of how we are 'blessed' when we give. He lived that example out when He 'gave' His life for us. While we cannot repay that gift, how can we show that we are grateful with how we live our lives?

## **GOING DEEPER**

### **Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4**

**Q6.** Paul instructs the church in Corinth about the collection for God's people in that he wants them to give regularly. This pattern is found throughout the New Testament. He also says "each one of you", not talking to family groups but to individuals. How can we honour Christ in the way we care for our finances? Where is our treasure being stored up?

**Q7.** What other ways can you give to the "collection for God's people" with your time, prayer, energy, talents, resources, skills, passion etc.? What has God given you that you can use to benefit His Kingdom?

## **CONCLUSION & PRAYER**

We are called to "Love the lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). How can you travel the narrow road, what changes do you need to make, what do you need to let go of, and what do you need to give over to God to put your trust in Him?

Pray for the courage to take that leap of faith for Christ, to depend on Him, but also to pray for our city, a city that desperately needs to know the transformative love of Jesus Christ! May we reach the end of the road with the people we love most!