

York St Small Groups

Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 13th June 2021

Blessed to Bless
Mark 12:41-44



These studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing.



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GETTING STARTED

Q1. Have you ever been given something you didn't earn?

Q2. Have you ever given someone something overly generous that you didn't need to give away?

INTO THE WORD

Read Mark 12:41-44

Q3. What stands out about the widow in this story? Why did Jesus single her out?

Q4. What can we learn from this story? Should we also put in everything we have (v44) or is there an attitude that we need to look at?

Q5. *Read 2 Corinthians 8:12*

What parallels do we see between Mark 12:41-44 and 2 Corinthians 8:12?

GOING DEEPER

1 Corinthians 16:1-4

Q6. Giving to God in our finances has always been a practice of believers. From as early as Genesis 14:18-20 we see tithing introduced, through to Jesus' observation at the temple. It is also found in our primary passage from Mark 12, and of course in the early Church as found in 1 Corinthians 16. As Christians, how should we respond to financial tithing?

Q7. On Sunday we were challenged to look through a filter from our finances to our family, our time, through to our friends and ask the questions:

- What have you got?
- How do you treat it?
- What do you do with it?

Using your decision on Sunday, what is God speaking to you to give back to him? How can you use the questions to guide you to an action point?

Pray

Loving God, we thank you that you gave your Son to us, an incredible Gift that we didn't deserve. We thank you for the relationship that we have with Him and the gift of the Holy spirit. We ask that through your spirit you would reveal to us this week what you have blessed us with that you wish for us to pass on to others, and what that would look like practically. May we be like the widow, teach us to grow in appreciation and love of who you are. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen