



The Promise: Giving Courageously

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Lesson:

Today, we continue our sermon series leading up to Commitment Sunday of our campaign, The Promise. Key scripture used is from Mark 12:41-44 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.

ICEBREAKER:

What is your earliest memory of giving back to God?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Why is talking about giving such a difficult topic?
2. How would you describe the offering that the widow made in Mark 12:41-44?
3. Jesus sits and watches the people for a while. He sees people giving their offerings.
 - a. What does he say about the wealthy people who are giving? What does he not say about their giving?
 - b. Compare and contrast the giving that the widow made to that of the wealthy.
4. How does the widow's gift demonstrate that she is seeking God with all her heart?
5. Man tends to get caught up in the amount given, but God seems to be more concerned with the amount you're sacrificing. Why do we notice the amount given, and why do you think God cares more about you're sacrificing?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.
 - a. What are some key elements to giving pointed out here?
 - b. Why is it important to plan out what you're going to give to God?
 - c. How is it possible to give cheerfully when you're giving sacrificially?
7. What kinds of gifts are God pleased with?
8. Please remind the group - if someone wasn't able to go to the town hall meeting on Wednesday, that the town hall meeting will meet again at 5pm tonight.
9. Spend time in prayer for our Campaign and Building project.