



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of December 17, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 21:1-4

[1] Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, [2] and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. [3] And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. [4] For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Discussion Questions

1. In our sermon we heard that *"the more vain and self important we are, the less aware we are of the needs of those around us."* Do you agree or disagree? Explain. Why do you think humanity is so enamored with the person in the mirror?
2. The widow gave "all she had to live on". Was this foolish? Do you think the gold plated temple needed her tiny gift? Did God? Why did Jesus commend her for her gift and what does this say about what is most valuable to God?
3. Jesus came to earth to sacrifice Himself to save sinners like you and me. Do you think most Christians understand and believe what this truly means? Explain. Paul Tripp said, "What has captured the wonder of our hearts, will control the way we live." If you were to evaluate the way you live, what would you say has captured the wonder of your heart? Explain.
4. In our self-absorbed society, the self-sacrificing call of Jesus is foolish and foreign. Even Christians can succumb to the temptation to create a less intrusive Jesus to justify a self-centered way of life. Why is this a trap, a prison that is dressed up as freedom? Why is self-absorption the worst kind of prison?
5. The sermon this week is not intended to make you feel guilty so that you give more. Rather, its intent is to help us think what it is that truly enamours us. Is the beauty of Jesus' selfless giving wondrous to us? Is the beauty of the widow's offering wondrous to us? Do we wonder at the right things? How will you apply what you've learned?