

GoDeeper



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION WITH YOUR SMALL GROUP, FAMILY, OR IN YOUR PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY TIME.

Reach | Part 2 | Pastor Steve Wells | 09.13. 2020
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Pastor Steve shared the details of the Reach campaign with the Church this Sunday. He spoke about sacrificial giving, and we want to take the time to search God's Word to know more about how God views sacrificial giving and how God responds to sacrificial giving.

Read Luke 21:1-4 & Mark 12:41-44

What are your observations?

To whom is Jesus speaking? Does this message apply to us today?

What about the widow's gift made it greater than a large gift?

What would have been an equivalently sacrificial gift from a rich person in the story?

Why do you think God chose to include this story in Scripture?

Knowing what Jesus says about this gift, do you think God blesses the widow? Multiplies the gift?

What do you think the significance of Mark's words that, "*he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box*" indicates?

Read John 6:1-14 & Mark 6:35-44

What are your observations?

Was the boy's gift of his lunch sacrificial?

What about the boy's lunch being multiplied made it greater than had they been able to purchase enough food to feed the people?

Why do you think God chose to include this story in Scripture?

What is the significance of there being ample leftovers?

The story demonstrates that the boy's sacrificial gift was able to accomplish more than would have a large gift of 200 denarii (200 day's wages). What is the significance of that?

In light of these stories specifically, discuss candidly and transparently with your group what are (or have been in the past) your barriers to trusting God with your tithe. Offerings.

Tithe: the biblical first fruits, typically understood to be one tenth of income, given to God (through the local church) as an acknowledgment of his provision in your life and an expression of trust in him fully.

Offerings: Special gifts that bless incrementally and help to grow the kingdom of God. These are given above and beyond the tithe.

Read Malachi 3:8-12

Do you need to pray that God would help you trust his promise and submit in the area of your finances?