

## **I. Synopsis**

During this three part series, we will encounter various individuals in Gospels whose hearts were full of joy for Jesus and witness their generosity. We will see how their spirit of generosity impacted their lives. This particular passage, there is a contrast between the poor widow and the rich. What Jesus is concerned about is the person's heart.

## **II. Ice Breaker Question**

Give examples of how children imitate their parents. Why do you think this happens?

## **III. Scripture: Mark 12:41-44(ESV)**

## **IV. Discussion Questions**

1. This passage takes place in the Court of the Women, the furthest place that women are able to be in the Temple. In this area there are thirteen different offering chests, six of which are free will offerings. The poor widow places two leptons in one the free will offering chests. Leptons are considered insignificant currency: 1/64 of day's wages for a laborer. Why do you suppose Jesus singles out this widow's gift? What does this gift tell us about the woman's heart?
2. David Roseberry defines selfie theology as, "God is the heavenly goose whose only job is to keep laying the golden eggs. We are deeply prone, not only to worship God's gifts instead of God, but also to see God Himself as our own private benefactor" (pg. 46). Discuss your thoughts regarding Roseberry's statement. How does this type of behavior impact a person's heart?
3. What does it mean to be selfless? How has Jesus modeled a selfless life? If the church imitated Jesus' generosity, how could this impact the community and beyond? When we follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are called to imitate Him. How might you imitate Jesus' generosity in your life?

Roseberry, David. Giving Up: How Giving to God Renews Hearts; New Vantage: Hendersonville, TN, 2017.