5. Why was the widow's gift so significant in Jesus' eyes (12:44)? What place does a person's motivation and attitude have in their giving to the Lord according to Jesus' teaching in this passage?

6. **For Thought and Discussion:** Why do you think God wants us to give sacrificially?

7. What has been your attitude toward giving your money to the Lord? Is there any way you need to change your attitude about giving?

8. What implications does this example have for our giving to the Lord's work? What would it look like in your life to behave like the poor widow?

9. What else does God want from us besides our material wealth? What attitude should we have about giving of ourselves to the Lord?

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"An Impoverished Widow Rich in Faith"
Mark 12:41-44
October 25, 2026

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 10-25-2026

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Getting Started:

1. In what ways are outward appearances misleading?

Digging Deeper:

Read Mark 12:41-44.

2. Where did the events of this story take place (12:41)? What did Jesus see from where he was seated?

3. How did Jesus compare the action of the wealthy people to the actions of the poor woman (12:43-44)? Why did the large amounts of money given by the rich people not impress Jesus? How does God evaluate a person's giving?

4. In contrast to the teachers of the law (12:38-40) and the rich (12:41), what motivates the widow's religious behavior? How does she fulfill the great commandment (12:28-31)?