

From the message on September 24

Generosity: an open-handed adventure in discipleship

Text Mark 12:41-44

From the Sermon

"Jesus sees what no one else can. He sees you. And he sees me. Just the same as Jesus sees this widow. It's remarkable that the eyes of her creator witness this moment. And I think Mark wants us to sit in the wonder of this story, allowing it to shape our attitude toward generosity and our understanding of Jesus' gracious perception."

Opening Interaction.

Have you ever witnessed a child or grandchild making a donation of their own money? What could we learn from their attitude toward generosity?

Read the passage and Discuss

In this passage, what details seem important? Does anything jump out at you?

What is the author communicating to his audience (the readers)?

What does this passage teach us about Jesus mattering most?

- In this scene, what differentiates the widow from the wealthy donors?
- According to Jesus, why is the widow's generosity significant?
- Which is more true:
 - That Jesus sees our generosity?
 - Or that Jesus sees the truth of our generosity?
- How is it that Jesus' grace motivates our generosity?

Encourage Each Other Through Prayer

1. Pray for both the Ladies' Getaway and Men's Retreat, both scheduled for October. Safe travels, prayerful rest, and growing in grace are goals for each weekend.
2. Pray for the formation of the Pastor Search Team. Recommendations were received through September 24th, and a search team will be assembled from that list.
3. Pray for Family Ministries. Their volunteers and staff have made child-safe practices a significant priority. We can partner with their diligence by praying that God continues to protect our Calvary kids and students!

Information, if you need it:

Lead Pastor Search Updates can be found at <https://calvary.church/leadpastorsearch>

Financial contributions can be made at <https://calvary.church/givenow>

Oil Change is looking for volunteers to work welcome and hospitality roles. Find out more at <https://calvary.church/community>