

EVERYTHING

As preached on Sunday, March 10th

Read: Mark 12:41-44

1. As you imagine this week's scene, what do you think it would be like to sit in that temple court and watch as everyone deposited their offerings? Why do you think they did it that way?
2. Jesus calls his disciples to him and highlights the contrast between the rich people and their offerings and this one poor widow and what she offers. What are similarities between these two types of people? (there are some!) What are differences?
3. One offering came from wealth, the other from poverty. The Old Testament tithe was designed to ensure that everyone gave the same percentage of their resources, regardless of their financial status. Do you think the tithe really provided for that sort of equality? Why? Why not?
4. The Message says, "All the others gave what they'll never miss. She put in everything, all she had to live on." What does this suggest about the true value of the two offerings?
5. How does this week's story about two different offerings relate to Jesus' teaching last week about "giving to God what is God's"? Or about the Greatest Commandment in vv.28-34?
6. As you think about your own financial situation (wealthy, in poverty, or likely something in between) what does Jesus' teaching in today's passage suggest to you about your own giving?