

Luke 21:1-4 (NLT) - While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. <sup>2</sup> Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup> "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. <sup>4</sup> For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

What are the takeaways from this story?

- 1) The Lord is aware of our giving
- 2) He is moved by generosity, faithfulness, and sacrifice.
- 3) The act of giving is sacred.

### Study Guide

1. Broadly speaking, how would you describe your experiences with giving, in and around the church? How did you come to those understandings?
2. Re-read Sunday's scripture passage, Luke 21:1-4. What comes to mind when you read it? Is there anything surprising? Anything that you hadn't previously noted?
3. What about the subtitle of the message: "Giving as worship?" How do those words reflect your approach to giving? Had you ever seen the act of giving in that light before?
4. Imagine that you were among the disciples on this occasion, witnessing this incident (Mark 12:43). How do you think you would have felt? How would this experience have moved you?
5. Take some time to read and ponder a couple of other stories of giving from the word; listen carefully to what the Lord is speaking to you as you read.

Here's 2 couple of suggestions.

- Luke 20:20-26
- Luke 19:1-9