

HABITS WEEK 5 HSM DISCUSSION GUIDE

BIG IDEA

Giving reveals the heart of the giver.

BIBLE

1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 12:41-44

ABOUT THIS WEEK

This week we'll see how giving is more than money—it's about our hearts. Jesus showed that the poor widow who gave two small coins gave more than the wealthy, because she gave out of love and trust. When we give our time, talents, and resources cheerfully, we reflect God's generosity and join Him in advancing His kingdom.

Let's Break the Ice // Discipleship Moment Follow-Up:

- Icebreaker: Of everything you own, which would be the hardest for you to give away?
- Follow-up from last week: How did you go out of your way to encourage or affirm people at church?

Bible Study

• Read Together: As a group, read Mark 12:41-44 together (*Telos pg. 990*)

Discussion Ouestions:

- Why do you think Jesus praised the widow's small gift more than the larger gifts of the rich people?
- How does this story show that giving is more about the heart than the amount?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8. How does Paul's teaching about cheerful giving connect with what Jesus noticed in the widow?
- Jesus says in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How do our spending and giving reveal what we value most?

Challenge Question:

• If Jesus watched the way you spend your time, money, or energy, what would He say about what you value most?

Prayer

Share Requests:

• Ask for any prayer requests or praises to celebrate together.

Group Prayer:

- Encourage students to pray briefly for each other's requests.
- Close by asking God to give you a generous heart.

Discipleship Moment:

- This week, choose one way to practice generosity it could be giving money, helping someone with your time, or sharing something valuable to you. Next week, share what you did and how it affected you.
- Partner Check-In: If you'd like, pair students to help keep one another accountable.