

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 42: An Undivided Heart

Passage: Mark 12:38-44



Conversation Starter:

If you are comfortable, share one of your "long days".

Re-read Mark 12:38-44

Jesus closes out his public ministry with this warning about the scribes. What is at the heart of Jesus' issue with the scribes? What were they pretending to do and what were they actually doing?

The next place we find Jesus is sitting and watching people as they are giving their offerings to the temple. Being Jesus, he is able to see the gifts and hearts of the givers in a way that others can't. In your own words, why is Jesus highlighting the offering of the widow? How is it possible that what she gave is of more value than everything else that was giving that day?

Spend some time reflecting on the points below:

What does it mean for us to love God completely?

- We stop putting on a show
- We recognize our gifts and who gave them to us.
- We listen to God as He reveals our hearts to us.

Is there one of these that you struggle with more than others? What is one practical thing you can do to address that struggle?

Finally, if we have put our faith in Jesus there is nothing more we can do to make ourselves more "acceptable" to Him. In accepting Jesus we become a part of God's family and He now sees us as son's and daughters. What is the most liberating and challenging thing about this statement?

Close your time in prayer, ask that the Holy Spirit would uncover portions of your heart that you haven't given over. Pray for the strength to give what He is asking and deeper trust to know that He will use it for His glory.