

Warmup

1. Share an occasion when someone showed you generosity.
2. What motivates people to be generous?

Discussion

1. Read Mark 12:41-44
2. When the widow dropped her two coins into the offering, she gave all that she had to God. This was certainly an extravagant gift, but if we gave all the time without any limits we would eventually not have anything left to provide for our families.
 - a. Might that be God's will?
 - b. How can we decide when to give and when to say no?
 - c. Is there a sense in which we can give everything to God?
3. From the time God first called Abraham, Abraham followed God but he did not completely trust God. In fact in many of the situations he shaded the truth out of fear or took matters into his own hands. In Genesis Chapter 22 we see that Abraham finally trusts God completely and that as a result of his trust in God, he does receive the blessing that God had promised.
 - a. Do you think there is a tension between trusting God and acting?
 - b. What can we do to ensure that we are trusting in God?
 - c. What are some indicators that one is not trusting God?
 - d. What things indicate trust in God?
4. In what areas are we less inclined to trust God unconditionally?
5. What should we think when continued patience and trust in God seems to get us no where?

Hitting the Road

In groups of 2 or 3

- a. What area of your life do you find it difficult to be generous?
- b. Why do you think that is?
- c. The widow demonstrated that she wanted to have a part in blessing others. Where do you feel encouraged about how you show the "heart of God" in blessing others?
- d. Spend some time praying for each other.