

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

Tribe - Part 3

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Introduction

Jesus was sharing with his disciples his concern about the situation faced by the widows in his time. Many of them had been forced out of their houses and living in poverty, but then he saw one widow who “out of her poverty gave all she had to live on.” She was not merely tipping at the temple but was leaving a legacy of a gift for the work God has called her. How is God calling us to offer our “gifts” for His work today?

Read

Luke 20:45 -21:4, 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

Discuss

1. Have you come across someone who is very generous or is always big at heart in helping others? Are they anonymous and humble about their contribution?
2. Read Luke 21: 1 - 4. The poor widow had only 2 small coins to live on, but she gave all that she had to the temple treasury. Do you think this generosity is possible in our generation? Is it a challenge or an encouragement to you?
3. Pastor Tim mentioned that we do not need to be concerned about what we do not have so there is no need to compare ourselves with others. We only need to invest with what we have. Do you agree with this statement? How do you respond to this?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12: 27 - 13:3. God gives us gifts for the benefit of others, and we cannot “earn” them. But we can show our love for God by asking Him to teach us how to use these gifts. Which gifts do you think God has given you? How are you using them to benefit others?

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5. Pastor Tim mentioned that we can make an intentional choice to invest our time and energy to develop lasting and deep relationships.
Do you think this is possible? Are we too busy with our work and personal lives?
6. We can use our creativity and insight to share our experience with people who may be going through a similar situation.
Is there an experience you have had that you can share your learns with others? Do you feel it is difficult to share your personal experience?
7. In Acts 7 we read that Stephen was one of the disciples who sacrificed his life because of his faith in Jesus but he also forgave those who had caused his death and prayed for them.
What enabled him to forgive so readily? What would it take for you to forgive like this?

Respond

Today, we heard Jesus lift up the poor widow who gave God all she had. What is the one thing that we can give to God this week? Is there someone God is asking you to reach out to and share your experience with this week? Ask God to bring to your mind someone that you can show grace and be generous to with your time, resources, or experience.

Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you what is the one gift God has given you and commit to use it to serve God and others.