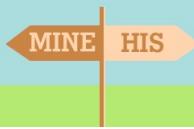


# THE GIVEN LIFE



Digging Deeper

## Believing Is Being All-In With Whatever "All" Is!

Week of March 19, 2017

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

### Message Recap:

Read Mark 12:41-43, Mark 8:35, Luke 5:27, John 10:27, & Luke 14:27

As we continue speaking about giving, we see Jesus taking time out of his day to teach his disciples about giving. He saw a poor widow give everything she had in the world. God notices the little things and the big things. God knows this woman gave more than everyone else and her faith was well rewarded because Jesus saw it. As we give to God from the heart, withholding nothing, we will be similarly rewarded. We should not try to hang on to what we have on this earth, as our focus should be on storing our treasure in heaven. Only by giving from the heart, in whatever we do, will we begin to truly give up ourselves and begin to be "All-In." Then we are we really heeding the words of Jesus when he says, "Follow me."

### Pray

Dear Jesus, please bless me with the spirit of giving. Help me deny myself and give all to you in every area of my life for your honor and glory. I ask for salvation for friends and family. I ask that the kingdom of God be glorified through me.

### Getting Started

- What are some areas where you give in your life that you think you can give more?
- Do you think by not giving we are disobeying God?

### Digging Deeper

1. Why did Jesus point out the widow giving all to the temple in Mark 12:41-43?
2. When you think about your past giving, does it mirror the example Jesus gave us of the poor widow?
3. Why does God value the offering of the poor over what people give out of their wealth?
4. How do you think the Father feels when we do not obey his instructions in our giving?
5. Do you think if you don't trust God with your tithes, it means you don't believe what He says?
6. What does it mean to give to God from the heart?
7. What are some more ways that you can give "All" (think of tithing, serving, connecting, time, etc.).

### Living Jesus

The pull of gravity causes us to live life focused on the earth. The call of Jesus is to die to ourselves and this world so that we might live for him as citizens of heaven. It is the hardest thing in the world to do. Ask God to reveal to you areas of your life where you still need to die, areas that you are still living as a citizen of this world. Consider as a group some ways that you might be able to live a life that values giving more than consuming. ***Where are the needs around you that you can help meet?***