GOSPEL COMMUNITY GUIDE

Kingdom Commitment : Sacrifice
Mark 12:41-44
November 15, 2026

REDEEMER
ROUND ROCK

QUICK UPDATES

Share any upcoming church events and handle housekeeping for the Gospel Community.

CONNECT

What's something you've given up or gone without because something else mattered more to you?

REVIEW

Have someone read the passage(s) out loud from the ESV translation or something similar. Reflect on any insights, questions, or parts that stood out from the text or the sermon. Then read the summary below.

True kingdom sacrifice isn't about what we give up, but what we gain in Christ. It is a joyful response to the ultimate sacrifice made for us. *Jesus teaches that God measures generosity not by the size of our gifts, but by the sacrifice and trust behind them. Like the poor widow, we are called to surrender our whole lives to God, trusting him with all we have. Because Jesus gave himself completely for us, we can respond with joyful sacrifice, knowing that he is worth more than anything we could give up.*

LEARN

These questions help us learn God's truth about himself, us, and our world

- Read Mark 12:38–44. Why do you think Mark places the story of the poor widow immediately after Jesus' warning about the religious leaders?
- In Mark 12, Jesus honors the poor widow who gave two small copper coins over the rich who gave out of their abundance. Why does God value the proportion of the heart so much more than the dollar amount of the gift?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–8. How can giving be both a genuine sacrifice and something we do cheerfully?
- Read Mark 12:29–30 and 12:41–44. How does the widow's offering help us understand what it means to love God with our whole lives?

LIVE

These questions allow that truth we're learning to confront, encourage, and reshape our actual lives.

- How does this passage apply beyond our financial resources? How does it speak to where we invest our time and energy?
- The sermon contrasted giving from our surplus with giving from trust. Where in your life have you become comfortable offering God only what doesn't cost you very much?
- When you think about making a sacrifice for the sake of God's kingdom, what are you most afraid of losing?
- How do you react to the phrase "joyful sacrifice"? Can you share a time in your life when giving something up for the sake of Christ or someone else actually resulted in deep, spiritual joy?
- As we approach Commitment Sunday, sacrifice will look different for everyone in this room based on ability, gifts, and financial seasons. How can we encourage one another to focus on joyful sacrifice?
- **How is the Holy Spirit confronting, encouraging, or reshaping you personally from this text and discussion - and how could you live differently this coming week in light of it?**

PRAY

- Ways to pray:
    - Pray about one way God spoke to you tonight through His Word
    - Pray by name for one person you know who is far from God
    - Pray for personal needs of other group members
- Pray for this ministry area of Redeemer: Thank God for the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus. Ask him to replace fear and obligation with joyful trust, and to give us willing hearts to surrender our time, gifts, and resources for his kingdom.

5 GROUP DISCUSSION RULES

We want to be full of grace as we meet, deepening our relationship with one another and with Christ. These five values help us know our **P.L.A.C.E.** in our GC's and Huddles.

1. ***P****ray - Prayer is a space for confession, struggle, and praise. Keep requests focused on yourself and your immediate family, so we can pray specifically and personally.*
2. ***L****isten - Be present and attentive. Share with humility, be mindful of time, and remember: silence is okay.*
3. ***A****pply - Answer honestly. Consider how God's Word speaks into your life, and what it might look like to respond.*
4. ***C****onfess - Confession and repentance are signs of maturity. We meet one another with grace, not shame.*
5. ***E****ncourage - Practical advice is helpful, but truth is better. Speak the gospel into each other's hearts and stories.*

COMMENTARY EXCERPT:

None this week.