



Going Deeper Questions
Repurposed
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Sermon Scripture Passage

Isaiah 58: 7-10, Matthew 10:1-15, Mark 12:38-44

Fun icebreaker question

If you controlled all the money in the world, what is one thing (pick ONE!) that you'd fix?

Discipleship Cycle: Debrief & Interpret

How did Possessions Week go last week? What did you learn about yourself? What habits did you notice? What was difficult or surprising? How did God speak to you?

Quick Review: What stood out to you from this week's passage?

Pastor Brynn presented a different interpretation of the story of the Widow's Mite than we usually hear in church. How did that interpretation land with you? Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

My Story

1. Curbing spending can go one of two ways. Either we spend less to save more or we spend less to give more. Do you lean one way or the other? What are the benefits to both approaches? How can you find a healthy balance?

2. If someone looked over your credit card or bank statement, what would they say your spending priorities are? Does this assessment accurately reflect your spoken values?

3. How do your spending habits need to change? Has God drawn you to a need or a people group or cause? What could you do differently with your spending to support this effort?

4. Read this short essay from Mark Buchanan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3A2rqMHbubVSFZFZGRDMUNjenM/view?usp=sharing&resourcekey=0-Aa-7TWW2X9bqpoFhhbBV4Q>. Agree or disagree?

Why?

Dive Deeper

1. Read Mark 12:38-44. What does it mean to "devour widow's houses" in our day and age?

2. What makes it challenging in our day to stand in solidarity with the poor? What keeps us from being generous with what we have?

3. What invitations do we find in Scripture toward generosity? What does God promise us and our world when we are generous?

4. Pastor Brynn mentioned our church's Benevolence Fund. Do we know anyone in the church or on the North Shore who could use some financial assistance? How can our Lifegroup think creativity to support others either through the Benevolence Fund or in other ways? (Please be mindful of gossip and confidentiality here and only answer this question if it feels like a safe and respectful environment to do so!) If you have ideas, reach out to gene@highrocknorthshore.org or brynn@highrocknorthshore.org!

Discipleship Cycle: Respond Actively

Check out the Guidebook for Fasting and Generosity ideas for this week.

<https://www.highrocknorthshore.org/sites/default/files/Repurposed-Guidebook-Lent-2022.pdf>

A special question for couples and families

Statistics show that younger generations (Millennials and Gen Z) give less to the church and other local organizations. Why do you think that is? How can we instill the value of God's generosity in our kids from an early age? Money is often a source of marital stress. What are some ways you can get on the same page with your spouse about money? Any ideas you can share with other couples in the room about how to be generous and wise with your finances together?
