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PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Discussion Guide.

Series Title: SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES: STEWARDSHIP
Key Scripture: Mark 12:41-44
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Starter:
If you found $100 on the street today, what would you do with it and why? Let's delve into today's sermon notes, which explore the biblical approach to stewardship.

Discussion:

1. In what ways can you apply the principle of enjoying God's blessings while being a good steward? (Reflect on Ecclesiastes 5:19)

2. How might implementing a budget help you become a better steward of God's resources? (Think about Proverbs 21:5)

3. Jesus sees who gives: How does knowing that Jesus observes your giving impact your attitude towards generosity? (Mark 12:41-42)

4. This is a personal reflection question, it's not necessary to respond to it out loud. If Jesus were watching you give today, what do you think He would see? How might this change your giving habits?

5. Jesus sees what we give: How do you think Jesus measures the value of a gift? Is it about the amount or something else? (Mark 12:41b-42)

6. Have you ever felt like your contribution was too small to matter? How does the widow's story challenge this belief?

7. How might your giving change if you focused more on the 'why' behind it rather than the 'what'?

8. Jesus sees how we live: The widow gave "all she had to live on." What does this reveal about her trust in God? How can you cultivate this level of trust in your own life? (Mark 12:44)

9. In what areas of your life, besides finances, can you apply the principle of giving your all to God?

10. After reflecting on the widow's story, how might you redefine what it means to be a good steward in God's eyes?

Reflection:
Dear Lord, help us to sit not in the seat of ownership, but in the seat of stewardship. Shift our hearts from an attitude of ‘I have to give’ to ‘I get to give,’ for it is more blessed to give than to receive.