

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*GIVE BEYOND THE TITHE*  
The Generosity Ladder — Week 4  
Mark 12:41-44

**ICEBREAKER:** If you were a WWE SmackDown champion wrestler, what would be your name and calling card?

**OVERVIEW:** Many Christians tithe, but that's all they give. Yet generosity only begins after you have tithed. Tithing is the starting line of generosity, not the finish line. Tithing is the training wheels of generosity. It helps us to start giving, but God wants us to grow and eventually take the training wheels off. To climb the generosity ladder and excel at giving, we must learn to give beyond the tithe as God leads. In this discussion we will learn how to move beyond tithing to generosity.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is the difference between generosity and stinginess?
3. Why does generosity begin after the tithe?
4. Have you ever given more than a tithe? Explain.

5. Read Mark 12:41-44.
  - a. Why was Jesus watching people as they gave? Isn't that an invasion of privacy?
  - b. Did the widow give more than a tithe?
  - c. What was the difference between the widow's gift, and everyone else's gift?
  - d. What was Jesus' reaction to the widow's gift?
  - e. What can we learn from this story about giving a small amount of money?
6. Is hardship an excuse for not giving? Explain.
7. Why should we aspire to give beyond the tithe?
8. When you give beyond the tithe, do you have to give it to the church?
9. What do you need to do to grow in generosity?

**The Last Word:** "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley

