

### **Mark 12:35-44 English Standard Version (ESV)**

**35** And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? **36** David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet.”

**37** David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly.

**38** And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces **39** and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, **40** who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

**41** And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. **42** And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. **43** And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. **44** For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

### ***Discussion/Journal Questions***

How is everyone doing with the Resolve 2021 goals? How is your time in prayer, Bible, and Christian community going?

To being his sermon, John used the illustration of a pothole. Why is it that so often we just drive around a problem like a pothole instead of fixing it?

Read Mark 12:35-44. In the sermon, John mentions two potholes that can affect people around us. The first, is the failure to recognize that a spiritual war is raging. How often do you find yourself thinking about spiritual things throughout the day?

Why is it so easy for us to be distracted away from spiritual realities?

The second pothole is the failure to recognize that we are leading people. Do you consider yourself a leader? Why or why not?

In your own words, how do you define hypocrisy?

How does hypocrisy by disciples of King Jesus lead others *away* from Jesus?

How does the poor widow in verses 41-44 illustrate how disciples should live?

In what areas of life do you struggle with hypocrisy? How can your group pray for, encourage you, and help hold you accountable?

**Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**

**Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?**

**Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?**