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Scripture: Mark 12:35-44 NASB

Message title: Give until it hurts!

Intro/recap:

We have been on a journey through the book of Mark. We have seen incredible stories about what Jesus did. Our series is titled, Ransom, "A king who paid it all." Jesus was the servant of ALL!

The last two weeks we looked at the two greatest/ foremost commandments. Love God, Love people.

Giving until it hurts always brings glory to God and increased to faith the the giver.

Mark 12:35-37 NASB

- So Jesus the master teacher, is teaching again. He is cultivating His disciples. When Jesus taught, He would teach in such a way that challenge the listeners to a response.
- Of all the titles for the Messiah, the most common was the 'Son of David.' This name is used 25 times in reference to Jesus in the NT.
- The word Christ is the Greek for the Hebrew word Messiah. It means "anointed one." The Jews had related to the Messiah as 'God's anointed King,' who was to come.
- Every Generation of Jews looked forward to a God-sent deliver, who would be of David's kingly blood line. This Messiah King was and still is the center of ALL History.
- **6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6 NIV)

- **5**“The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, **a King** who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. **6**In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: **The Lord Our Righteous Savior.**(Jeremiah 23:5-7 NIV)

Jesus says “how can a scribe say that God's anointed King who is to come is the Son of David?” The LORD said to my LORD. Who was David speaking of? David saw the Messiah as equal with God.

- What Jesus is doing is this—He is not denying that the Messiah is the Son of David, nor is He saying that He Himself is the Son of David. What he is saying is that He is the Son of David—and far more, not only David's son but Davids' Lord.
- This term “Son of David,” had taken on the meaning of a conquering Messiah.
- Jesus was and is LORD & He was the Son of David, but He wanted His followers to know that His kingdom was not of this world! His calling was to bring God to men! He brought men the LOVE of God!
- He came as a suffering servant that gave His life as a Ransom to set people free. However He is coming back as a conquering King!
- The people wanted a ruler, one who would overthrow the Romans, remove the oppression. They wanted something **physical**, but what Jesus was doing was **spiritual** and many missed it!
- We do the same thing sometimes! We want a healer, restorer, redeemer, giver/provider. We want physical provisions, when what Jesus wants to do is spiritual. (**JESUS IS NOT**: rabbits foot, vending machine, Santa Claus)
- Many times we want to make God fit our life and need! **JESUS IS LORD!!**

- God makes us, we don't make God.
- VS- 37 "the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him. (Disciples are there)

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When Jesus is LORD of our lives we will not act like these religious leaders. We will actually be disgusted by such ungodly activity.

Jesus says **BEWARE**, of these types of people!

1) Desire Prominence

- Look at me vs. look to God!
- God calls us to His presence, not to desire prominence.

2) Desire Position

- I have a title and I want you to know it! (Reverend Gallo)
- The position of selflessness is what God desires.

3) Persuasive

- These people trafficked religion (religious extortionist). They use the name of God to persuade people to action.
- The "man of God" was considered blessed and favored. They used their position as a tool to manipulate people. Specifically the weak widows.

4) Pretenders

- They offered long prayers for appearance.
- What do people do for appearance? They might look Holy but inside they are dead mens bones. Their heart is far from God.

- This was all a show! How many are just doing a show on Sunday mornings?
- Pray for these people because they are the most deceived.

Offer yourself to God, not to man.

1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind **he will find acceptable**. This is truly the way to worship him. (Romans 12:1 NLT)

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- This woman only had two pennies to rub together! A days wage was a denarius. She gave 1/50 of a days wage!
- Side note: The church should not be about getting out, but putting in! (a review vs. a resume) We give until it hurts!
- This widow gave ALL she had! She gave out of LOVE for God! She gave from a pure heart! She held nothing back! She gave until it hurt!
- Where was her next meal going to come from? Her rent payment? Her next pair of sandals? #contentment
- When we give ALL of what we have to God, He will give all of what He has to us! God can do more with a little, than we can do with a lot (heart set).
- God rewards sacrificial giving! (Time, talents, treasures)
- The greatest gift that you can give to God is your life!

Share the gospel...Paul's life and how he entrusted his life to Jesus. "He will guard all that I have entrusted to Him!" What have you not totally and completely entrusted to the LORD?

Close: Piano/guitar only

If we put all that we have, and all that we are into His hands, He can do things with it and with us, that are beyond our imagination.

Let's give of ourselves until it hurts!

LET'S MOVE FROM IT HURTS TO GIVE, TO GIVING UNTIL IT HURTS!

Let's give it ALL to and for Jesus!!

SONG: What a beautiful name it is! Nothing compares to this!

PRAY/SALVATION /RECOMMITMENT

START >>>

NEXT WEEK: END TIMES STARTS NEXT WEEK! "A PROPHET WE CAN TRUST."



3D Guide

Bottom Line: Giving until it hurts brings glory to God and increases the faith of the giver.

DO.

DIG DEEPER.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the words, terms, tense and context all have meanings. As a group re-read Mark 12:38-44. As you read these verses take time to observe, interpret, and apply the scripture. Also interrogate the text by asking the 5 w's and an H. (who, what, where, when, why, & how) Try to read a few versions. Some examples would be the Amplified Version, New living translation (NLT), New international (NIV), New King James (NKJV), English Standard (ESV), New American Standard (NASB), and compare. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



DISCUSS IT.

1. How have you seen people (maybe yourself) create a God that revolves around their wants and needs?
2. Look up Romans 12:1-2. Paul tells us to give of our bodies sacrificially as our worship to God. How does that look to our world?
3. Take time to go around the group and share your experience of giving with a pure heart (time, talents, treasures). Was it hard? Did you give until it hurt?
4. What are you withholding from the LORD that is causing you to not grow in faith?

DO IT.



1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?