

## **Life Group Guide 10.9.22 – The Book of Mark**

### **Mark 12:35-44 *Choosing Sacrifice over Gain***

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**Welcome Question:** Besides Jesus, what inspires you in life? What fills your tank, gets you going, makes you excited, or gives you energy? (This could be books, podcasts, activities, work, sports, family, etc.) what makes this an inspiration to you?

#### **Read Mark 12:35-37**

- What is Jesus asking to the crowd? What do you think the purpose of this question is?
- What is Jesus trying to convey in stating the Messiah is both the son of David and the Lord of David? What do you think the importance of this is?

#### **Read Mark 12:38-40**

- What is the warning Jesus gives in this? Why would it be important for the people to watch out for wicked scribes?
- The Scribes were a part of the crowd. How do you think they felt? Jesus is sharing this right after the scribes gave Him praise for answering all their questions correctly. Why then would Jesus publicly rebuke them?
- What happens to these scribes according to Jesus?

#### **Read Mark 12:41-44**

- What is Jesus observing in the room? What is the importance of the rich people giving? What about the widow's gift?
- Why do you think Jesus called His disciples to share his observations with only them? What was He trying to teach them?
- Jesus says that she is giving everything she had – a total sacrifice. What would this be a precursor to in regards to Jesus?

#### **In Closing**

- When we look at leaders – are we mostly inspired by those who seem powerful, or those who act like Shepherds? What are some ways we can be more alert and look to the guidance of shepherds over people who are trying to build a brand or even steal from others?
- Going back to the example of the Widow – How are we living out of sacrifice? Are there ways you may feel called to give?
- Jesus shares this as this message is all about the gospel – and one way we can sacrifice is to give time in sharing the message with those who need it most- and doing so by living the gospel. How are you currently living in a way that brings glory to the gospel, and how might you want to improve?

**Close by lifting your group up in prayer**