

Session 5 - Hearts on the Move // The Yardstick (Week of November 17)

Overview: This week we conclude the ON THE MOVE series by focusing on the heart of giving, inspired by Luke 21:1-4. We will reflect on the widow's offering and the importance of the heart in worship.

Opening Prayer: Ask God to open both your mind and heart to fully embrace His call to generosity.

Icebreaker: Share your personal experience of making your financial commitment. What emotions did you feel? What was it like witnessing the church come together in commitment?

Teaching Video: <u>Watch the video with Pastor Terry and Pastor Nate</u> discussing the widow's offering and contrasting it with the rich who gave out of abundance.

Scripture: Luke 21:1-4 (The Widow's Offering)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Are you more driven by your emotions or logic when making decisions? For couples, how do you balance or challenge each other in this area?
- 2. In Luke 21:1-4, Jesus commends the widow's sacrificial gift. How does this challenge our views on generosity and money management?
- 3. What does this story teach us about the heart behind giving?
- 4. Reflect on the "18-inch gap" between the head and heart. How does this distance impact your faith and actions?
- 5. How can we bridge this gap to align our heads, hearts and hands in serving God? Share a personal story about a time you bridged that gap and the outcome.

Taking Action This Week:

- 1. Reflect on how your heart influences your giving and serving. Consider how God might use your generosity to impact your family, church and community. Journal your reflections and commit to bridging the gap between your head and heart in your faith journey.
- 2. Align your financial commitment schedule with your heart's intentions, ensuring your actions reflect your commitment.

Closing Prayer: Pray together asking God to align your hearts and minds and guide your actions as we work to be a church ON THE MOVE for His glory. Specifically, lift up December 8, our Big Give Sunday, asking God to move each person to invest spiritually, missionally and financially to fulfill our discipleship goals in His timing.

