



Series: ⑦ *Core Values that drive Hope Community Church*

*Core Value No. 3 - **Giving: The cross inspires our generosity***

Text: - Mark 12:41-44 (Memory Verse – 2 Corinthians 8:9)

### **Discussion Questions**

- Look up the word "generous" online and find a good definition. In what areas of your life are you the MOST and the LEAST generous? (Areas to consider: Helping people in need, giving advice, listening, giving financially to worthy causes, sharing your resources with others, giving of your time, etc.)
  
- Is it easier or harder to be generous to people you know? Why?
  
- During your lifetime who has been the most generous to you? In what ways?

### **Application Questions**

1. Why do you think talking about money in church makes some people uncomfortable or angry?
  
2. Read Mark 12:41-44. Jesus watched people give. What emotion does that stir up in you?

How mindful are you of God's presence/watchful eye during offering time at church?

In what ways is giving a necessary and important part of our life of worship?

3. During His public ministry, Jesus talked more about money/possessions than any other topic. What reasons does He provide for doing so in Luke 16:10-13? ("Mammon" in NKJV = money/wealth)

Why is a proper view and use of money a prerequisite for anyone seeking to serve God and be used/lead by Him?

4. Why is the cross such a powerful source of motivation for those wanting to live generous lives? (2 Cor. 8:9)

**Prayer** - Thank the Lord for the cross & ask Him to give you faith to be a more generous and consistent giver.