

# Home Group Discussion Guide

## Fullness of Life – For Some or For All? – Mark 12:38-44

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.

The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.

**Please be aware that this is the final Home Group Discussion Guide for 2025.  
They will return in late January 2026.**

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### GETTING STARTED

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1. Have you ever made a sacrifice or a decision based on a sermon, only to look back and wonder if you got the wrong end of the stick?
2. How do we typically view the "poor giver" in church culture today? Do we romanticize their poverty or do we question the system that keeps them poor?

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### REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

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**Key Scripture: Mark 12:38-44; Amos 5:21-24; Isaiah 1:13-17; Acts 4:32**

*(Read Mark 12:38-40)*

1. Jesus warns against the teachers of the law who "devour widows' houses." How does this context change the way we read the story of the widow in the very next verses (41-44)?
2. How does the widow giving her last two coins to the temple highlight imbalance in the temple system?
3. It is easy to ignore systems that benefit us. What is an imbalance that you benefit from, but that might be costing someone else?

*(Read Acts 4:32)*

4. If the widow from Mark 12 lived in the Acts 4 community, how might her story have ended differently?

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### RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

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1. Take the opportunity to consider different areas of your experience, work, school, community church etc.
  - a. What imbalances do you notice?
  - b. Who are the people you could listen to in this space?
  - c. How can this be addressed so that all can flourish?
2. While it can sometimes seem overwhelming to know where to start - what is the one step God is inviting you to take this week?

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### OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

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Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space. Take some time to discuss what your groups plans are for the summer break and when you will stop meeting / start meeting again.

