



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

28 OCTOBER

VISION & GIVING: ALL IN

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements.

MAIN TEXT: *Mark 12:41-44*

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

COMING UP

Foodbank Sunday: 4th Nov, 2nd Dec

Monthly Prayer Meeting: 14th Nov

Alpha: 15th Oct – 10th Dec

Academy: 21st Oct – 2nd Dec

Christmas Family Service: 9th Dec

Carol Service: 16th Dec

Christmas Service: 23rd Dec

New Year Celebration: 30th Dec

***B.L.E.S.S. means:** Begin with Prayer, Listen with care Eat together, Serve with love, Share Jesus Stories. For more info see westminsterchapel.org.uk/bless

GETTING STARTED

We want to develop and strengthen a healthy culture of encouragement at Chapel, so each week we'll start our LG's by sharing something we want to thank God for: an encouraging thing He's doing in our lives, or in the lives of others. What ways have you been able to B.L.E.S.S.* those around you in recent weeks?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Acts 1:8. What does being a witness mean? How it is related to the glory of God? See Hebrews 1:3.

2. What is vision and why does it matter?

3. Our vision is to see *hundreds of lives transformed and tens of congregations started*. We believe we will accomplish this, in the power of God, by fulfilling our mission: blessing everyone, strengthening believers, and training leaders. Which one of these do you most resonate with and why?

4. We have seven style points. The sermon focused on the second one, being 'all in', in giving, praying, loving and witnessing. Read Mark 12:41-44. Why do you think the poor widow got God's attention? How does she model an all in lifestyle? Be honest, would you have tried to stop her?

5. How can you be all in, as we seek to pull together and unite around the vision God has given us? It may help to think in terms of the four areas highlighted in the sermon: giving, praying, loving and witnessing.

NEXT STEPS AND PRAYER

Being all in should be motivated by grace. When we look to the cross and see our 'all in' God, suffering in agony to save us from our sin, demonstrating his unconditional love for us, we find power, hope and strength to sacrifice ourselves, take up our crosses and follow him.

Take some time to look to the cross; read Matthew 16:24-27 and 27:24-54.

Pray together, asking God for supernatural strength to be living sacrifices, all in for His glory in Westminster Chapel, London and beyond.

Pray for hundreds of lives to be transformed and tens of congregations to be started.