



Mark 12:38–44 / Pastor Matthew St. John / March 25, 2018

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## Discussion Questions

1. Icebreaker: The scribes loved being greeted in the marketplace. How do you like/expect to greet and be greeted by others in your family or ethnic culture?
2. Read Matthew 23. List the woes Jesus directed to the religious elite. Be honest—which ones would Jesus need to say to you?
3. What are the things we, like the scribes, tend to do to elevate ourselves by seeking self-preservation or self-promotion?
4. In contrast, Jesus noticed the marginalized and affirmed the widow's heart posture of giving in a way that teaches His other disciples. How does it feel to think about Jesus seeing what your situation is and what you give?
5. Are you a giver or a taker? Pray through Philippians 2. Thank Jesus for His humility and ask Him to help you follow Him in that way of living. Repent as needed.
6. Challenge: Be purposeful this week to be the first one to greet warmly and give generously without expecting anything in return in the church, workplace and neighborhood for the glory of Christ.

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**April 1, Easter Sunday** *Risen*, Mark 16:6, Pastor Matthew St. John