

Royal Redeemer

CGS Community Discussion Guide

Based on the sermon for November 4 + 5 2017
10,000 Reasons: What are you Counting?



(For use as an opening Devotion, use only the highlighted portion)

- **Begin by sharing a high and/or how from your week**

Connect

- o Are you an optimist or a pessimist? How do you come to such a conclusion? Do you fluctuate between the two? Why?

Grow (read this passage aloud and listen for words or phrases that speak into your life now)

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3 “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Luke 21:1-4

- o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.
- o What would it take for you to give your last dimes to help someone else?
- o What might have motivated this poor widow to give all that she had to the temple treasury?
- o How was this short interaction received by the people who were around Jesus?
- o Can you think of a pop culture example of a person who is like the poor widow in the story? What makes them similar to you?
- o Look up Psalm 145:9, Psalm 100:5, James 1:17, Matthew 5:45, and Hebrews 13:6. What do all these passages have in common? Why do you think it is important to the writers of the scripture to make this point again and again?

Serve

10,000 may be too large a challenge, but 10 should be manageable. Write down 10 blessings you observe each day. They can be the same from day to day, or different. At the end of the week, compile the list and thank God for each blessing individually.

In light of all God has blessed you with, consider what God would have you give as a response to bless the people around you.

End with the Lord's Prayer