

LIFE GROUP GUIDE

JTF #26 - God's piggy bank

CONNECT IN with one another - Icebreaker questions

What breaking of social convention upsets you the most? Is it someone standing too close when you're using a cashpoint, people who cut in on queues, double-dipping chips, or something else? How do you respond when someone breaks one of these in your presence?

CONNECT UP with God

- Read Luke 21:1-4 slowly together. How have you heard this passage interpreted or preached on in the past? Do you agree or disagree with the way Sean explained it?
[Help for leaders:]. You're asking people to comment on the exegesis on the text from Sunday, so don't worry if this runs on a little bit, it's a healthy discussion!
- Do you think the old widow in the story is an example to be followed? Why/Why not?
- How would you feel if Jesus was watching the offering you put in? Does this question make you want to change anything about the way you give?
[Help for leaders:]. The point here isn't to fall into legalism or condemnation but to help us understand how confronting Jesus is when it comes to money. If we don't ask ourselves the tough questions we risk watering down the gospel.
- How does this preach compare to Jesus' words on sin, faith, duty that we looked at a couple of weeks ago in Luke 17:7-10?
- Have you ever had need to rely on Jehovah Jireh (the Lord will provide)? You might find it encouraging to share your story of God's provision in your life.

CONNECT OUT with the non-church people around you

- Spend some time discussing how you could be a blessing to your non-Christian friends or family this week. If it's true that the smallest act of service could have huge significance, you have no idea how just a small kindness could transform somebody's week.
- Although it's not strictly connecting "out", it would be great to spend some time encouraging one another, calling out what you value in each other and recognising what a blessing we are to each other. You could incorporate communion in to this as well.
[Help for leaders:]. This sounds somewhat "touchy-feely", but it could be hugely significant. Let's try and build and model a culture of honouring and valuing one another, and wanting the best for each other.