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³⁵And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, "How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? ³⁶David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet.'" ³⁷David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?" And the great throng heard him gladly. ³⁸And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

With Everything

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In Mark's effort to help us recognize Jesus and worship Him appropriately, he points out good examples and bad examples. Repeatedly, we have seen that both types of examples come from unexpected people.

1. **The religious leaders are examples of not loving God with everything.**
2. **A poor widow best demonstrates what loving God with everything looks like.**

Notes:

Life Group Questions:

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1. What is wrong with the understanding of the scribes about Jesus that He is pointing out by quoting Psalm 110? How would you paraphrase v. 36?
2. How do vv. 38-40 relate to loving God with all our heart and our neighbor as our self (vv. 28-34)? What is being revealed about the scribes' love for God and their neighbor?
3. What is being revealed about the widow's love for God in vv. 41-44?
4. Why is the incarnation (Jesus being fully human AND fully divine – the descendant of David AND the God of David) so important?
5. Why is wholehearted love of God so important to Him? What should it be to us?
6. If you give all your money to the church, does that mean necessarily that you love God with all your heart? If you keep any of your money, does that mean that you don't? How are faith and finances linked?
7. Do you know people who accept the humanity of Jesus, but not the divinity? Would this passage be useful to you in conversations with them? Would you feel comfortable explaining it?
8. When and how were you motivated to love God with all your heart?
9. How do we express our wholehearted love for God - With our money? With our time? With our neighbors?