Resisting a Leftover Faith

GraceYouth Week 5

Jr. High

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Big Idea

The ultimate question we all need to answer is "do I trust God?

Ice Breaker

What was your favorite and least favorite part of this past week?

Introduction:

Scripture Questions | Read Mark 12:41-44; Proverbs 3:9-10

1. What words or phrases stick out in these verses?
2. What was different about the widow's offering compared to the rich people?
3. What truly mattered in this story about giving money? Was it the amount or something else?
4. Jesus said that she gave everything she had to live on. Was this a risky move? Why did she do it? (Hint: she trusted God)
5. In Proverbs, what are "firstfruits"? How does this translate into having plenty like it says in the latter half of the verse?

Application Questions

1. What have you learned from the widow's example?
2. Is there an area, not just money, that you struggle to trust God with?
3. Do you think you would be able to do the what the widow did? Do you believe what Scripture says in Proverbs 3:9-10?
4. The example people follow is typically 10% when it comes to tithing, but the widow shows that it is better to give out of a place of trusting Jesus with your heart rather than the amount. Is there a way you can start giving now no matter the amount?
5. Being in middle school, you may not be able to give the "firstfruits" of what you make because you don't make anything which is okay! But what are some ways that you could give God your fristfruits now? (Ex: Serving, spending time with him each morning, tithing part of your birthday money, etc.)

Next Step

Commit to trusting God with tithing once you start earning an income or anytime you receive money. Can you tithe a little bit now? Begin to give a different resource such as your time to serve. Where is a place in the church that you can serve God with all your heart?

Prayer

Ask God to prepare your heart and help you to tithe/give out of a place of trust and worship. Ask Him to help you to stay consistent with this even if you are not able to do this now.