

# Cultivate Reflection Guide

## Giving Up: How to Leave Your Best Legacy December 18 & 19, 2021

If you missed this weekend's message, watch at [cultivate.sc/discussion](https://cultivate.sc/discussion)

Tis' the season for giving. While we often focus on **what** we give, God focuses on **how** we give. Our generosity has much more to do with what we believe, than what we give. When we look up to God, we will be motivated to give and receive in a way that reflects and honors Him.

Use this week's Reflection Guide to start a REAL conversation in your community group or for personal bible study as you cultivate God's word into your life during the week. Choose the questions that challenge you to reflect and respond as you live out what we're learning. *It's not about getting through the content, but getting the content through you!*

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**Read:** [1 Kings 17:8-16 ESV](#)

**Notable Quotes:** Review these notable quotes from Pastor Claude's message. Which of these encourage, instruct or challenge you and why? Was there another word, verse or point in the bible reading or message that stood out?

- A small part in a great story is still an honor.
- Generosity isn't about the resources around us, but the resources above us.
- Even in the middle of crisis, generosity is still the way out.
- Giving is the most tangible way for us to grow our faith in God.
- It's okay to be a footnote in the story because it means you're a part of God's story.

### Reflect & Respond:

1. Despite the smallness of the widow's offering, God had big plans. We get to see her simple obedience result in overwhelming abundance. How have you experienced obedience to God result in His blessings?
2. Is there anywhere in your life where you're focused more on the size of your problem/obstacle/issue than the size of our God?
  - a. What is causing that perspective problem (fear, unknowns, overwhelm, etc.)?
  - b. What do you see when you shift your focus from the resources around you to the resources above you?
3. Read [Zechariah 4:10 NLT](#). There are no small gifts in the hands of a big God.
  - a. Is there anything that feels small in your life? This could be practical resources or spiritual, relational and emotional currency (faith, decisions, support, abilities, purpose, etc.).
  - b. How does this verse encourage you on God's perspective?
  - c. Are you willing to bring what you have, regardless of size, and trust God to write the story?
  - d. What is a first step you could take to say "yes" to God? Think outside the box – this may be to give more generously, but it could also be to generously serve, willingly work toward building a relationship, pursuing growth in your faith or even boldly going where God is sending you.

**Prayer:** You have an open invitation to be a part of God's story. Invite Him to show you how to "give up" in generosity and step out in faith – even if you can't see what's coming next. Ask God to give you wisdom, courage and opportunity to pursue that which He is calling you to. He goes before you every step of the way.

**Live it Out:** Your generosity not only tells a story, but it leaves a legacy. Whether it's a footnote or a full chapter, God wants to use you. Who is someone in your life you can invite into your story? Maybe it's an invitation – to sit with you at Christmas Eve service, for conversation over a cup of coffee or to join your community group. Regardless of size, the smallest offering can leave an abundant legacy of generosity.