Wheelersburg Baptist Church 9/24/2023
Mark 12:38-44 "Beware of Appearances"
   Series: *"Mark: The Servant in Action"*

I. What appears to be significant may _____ be (38-40).

   A. This is what hypocrites _____.

   B. This is what hypocrites ___.

   C. This is what hypocrites *will* _____.

     1. God will not merely _____ them.

     2. God will punish them most _____.

   D. This is what hypocrites _____.

     1. They need _____.

     2. They need the _____.

II. What appears to be insignificant may be _____ significant (41-43).

   A. There are givers who look impressive to_____.

     1. They give a _____.

     2. They keep what matters _____.

   B. There are givers who look impressive to the _____.

     1. They give _____.

     2. They give because they _____ God and His kingdom.

     3. They give because they know they have _____ so much.

Make It Personal: Am I living to please the _____ who knows all?

<u>**Community Group Discussion:**</u>
1. In today's text, Jesus taught that appearances can be misleading, especially when it comes to spirituality. After reading the passage again, Mark 12:38-44, discuss what stands out most to you, and why.

2. Jesus says we should beware of appearances and gives us two examples to consider. The first is the scribes. Who were the scribes? What were they like? Use your study Bibles and online resources to learn about them. Share your findings with the group.

3. What kinds of things did the scribes do, according to verses 38-40, and why? In what ways are we possibly like the scribes? What do we learn from Jesus about how to help a scribe?

4. In Jesus' second example, He takes us to the offering box. What do we learn about Jesus from what He does and says in verses 41-44? What do we learn from Jesus specifically about giving? How do many rich people give, according to Jesus? By contrast, what did He say about the poor widow's gift?

5. What did you learn about yourself from this passage? What is something you plan to do this week to implement what you learned? After sharing, spend time praying for one another.