

Hope Presbyterian Church  
Sermon-Based Bible Study

September 14, 2025

**"Sacrifice"** - #2 in the series  
Open Hands: *Living as Generous People of God*

**Scripture Texts (NLT):** Mark 12:41-44,  
2 Samuel 24:22-24



1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. People-watching - the act of observing others and their interactions - can be a casual pastime or an intentional activity.
  - Why are we often drawn to people watching?
  - How do you respond to Craig Twyford's statement, "We cannot understand people until we watch them first."
3. **Read Mark 12:41-42.**

In the week before his arrest, Jesus is teaching in the temple and responding to questions by religious leaders and teachers, but he takes a break for a bit of people-watching.

  - What do we learn through His example of people-watching?

Note: The small offering of the woman represented 1/64 of a single day's wage at the time.

  - What does the woman's offering teach us about sacrifice?
4. **Read Mark 12:43-44.**

Jesus uses his people-watching example as a teaching moment for his disciples.

  - What resonates most with you about "the truth" Jesus shares from watching the woman making her offering in the temple?
  - What does making a sacrifice require of us spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically?
5. **Read 2 Samuel 24:22-24.**

Making a sacrifice always involves a cost.

  - What can making a sacrifice look like in everyday life?
  - Have you ever been the recipient of someone's sacrifice? What did it feel like?
6. How can we pray for you?