Generosity

Collective Worship – Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Gathering………..

- **Look at this picture? I wonder how it makes you feel or what it makes you think about?**
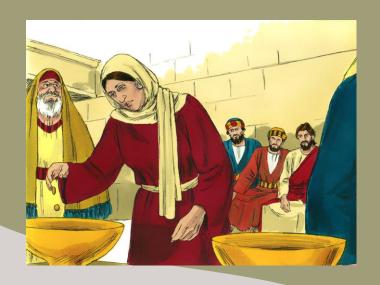
Engaging……..

I wonder what you think **generosity** means?

The dictionary defines generosity as, **"the quality of being kind and generous."** Do you agree with this?

Can you think of a time when someone was really generous to you? Or when you have been generous towards someone else? What happened? How did it make you feel? How many different ways can you think of to be generous that don't involve spending or giving money?

The story of the generous widow Luke 21: 1-4

Look at this image. What do you notice? I wonder what you think is happening? I wonder who you think the characters are?

In the Bible, Jesus explains to his disciples the importance, not just of what we do and are seen to do, but the reason why we do something – what is in our mind and our heart when we choose to do something is as important as what we do

Engaging……

The Widow's Offering - Luke 21: 1-4; New Living Translation

"While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. 2 Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins. 3 "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. 4 For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

Value of Generosity

Reflecting & Responding…..

I wonder who you think was the most generous person in the story? Why do you think that?

I wonder why Jesus told this story? What do you think he wanted his followers to learn from it?

 I wonder where those two copper coins came from – did someone give them to the widow? Did she find them? Did she earn them?

I wonder what work she did to try to survive?

Prayer together:

Father God we thank you for your generosity. Thank you for all those people in our country who have given generously. Teach us God to be generous following your example. Help us give our time, words, energy, love and possessions with a cheerful and generous heart.

Amen