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Further Application Questions

- Which Christian ministries do we find so impressive? Why?
- In what way might we be *practical* Sadducees, focussing more on the present age, than the resurrection age to come? How might this section encourage singles?
- In what way might we be like the Teachers of the Law, focussing more on bringing honour to ourselves, than honour to Christ? What will be the social impact of this?
- What would have motivated the widow to give all of herself? In what way is she Christ-like?
- What sort of Christian ministry should we desire St. John's to be?

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