

Treasure!: (Short series week 1)

November 17, 2019

Matthew 6:19-24

Warming Up

1. If your house were to go up in flames tomorrow, and you had time to get 2 things out to save, what would they be (besides family members☺---we'll assume everyone gets out safely☺) Why would you save those 2 things?

Knowing the Gospel...

2. In Matt. 6:19-24 Jesus lays out 2 kinds of treasure, 2 kinds of vision, and 2 kinds of masters. What are each of these and what do they look like in real life?

3. React to this statement: Randy Alcorn quote (Treasure Principle, p.44): "I'm convinced that the greatest deterrent to giving [and generosity] is this: [that we have] the illusion that earth is our home."

4. In these verses it's clear: God wants our hearts undividedly loyal to him. How do we evaluate whether or not our hearts are undividedly loyal to God? What are some questions we can ask ourselves? What are some questions we can ask God that might help us evaluate?

Living the Gospel...

5. In 6:24 Jesus says you cannot serve God and money (or possessions). Check out all these verses and discuss: (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19, Hebrews 13:5, Eccl. 5:10, 18-19) Why do you think he did not say, "you cannot serve God and **have** money?"

6. Is it wrong to be wealthy? If so, why did God never seem to condemn David, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Job, David, Solomon, Joseph of Arimathea for their wealth? If it's not wrong to be wealthy, why did Jesus speak to the rich young man that came to him in Mark 10:21 the way he did?

7. Check out these verses: Col. 3:1-4, 1 Cor. 4:7, James 1:17, Deut. 8:18, Deut. 10:14, Job 1:20-21, Ps. 90:10, 144:4, What are some things we can do to remind ourselves of the truths of these verses? How can we be an example to others (even our children if we have them) of 1. The fact that God owns everything, and 2. All that we have is a gift from God, 3. The truth that life is temporary?

Telling the Gospel...

9. How can we use our resources of time, energy, money, stuff, gifts and abilities this week to help someone see the love and grace of Jesus Christ?

Next Week: Matthew 6:25-34