



EDEN WORSHIP CENTER
COMMUNITY GROUP
STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE

CHAPTER ONE: BURIED TREASURE

BEFORE YOU COME TOGETHER

Before going to your Community Group this week, take the time to read the chapter and write down your responses to the following questions.

- Read Matthew 13:44.
 - After finding the treasure in the field, what do you think consumed every waking moment of the man until he bought the field?
 - Do you feel bad that man had to give up everything he had to purchase the field? Why or why not?
 - In what ways would you say you are like the man who found the treasure? In what ways would you say you are different? (focus on the point of the parable- the man's overwhelming joy at finding the treasure, not the ethics of whether or not he should have informed the owner; that isn't the point of the parable)
- What would your life look like if you valued God's kingdom the way this man valued the treasure he found?
- What would it take for you to find such joy in God? Do money and possessions (or desire for money or possessions) sometimes hinder the joy you should find in God alone?
- In light of God's Kingdom, how is your money like Confederate currency? How would viewing your money in such a way impact your financial and giving decisions?
- Write down 1-3 quotes from this chapter that stood out to you. Be prepared to share at least one of them during group discussion time.

WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER

Be prepared to discuss the following questions when you come together as a group.

- Is it wrong to desire joy in life? Why or why not?
- KIDS:
 - What are some things that bring you joy? It can be a thing or an activity- whatever it is that brings you joy.
 - Do you think when you are older, that very same thing will still bring you joy, or do you think you will outgrow it?
 - What is something that you can find joy in that will never change? (*help steer the kids to see that Jesus is the only source of unchanging joy in life*)
- Read Psalm 16:11 and revisit whether it is wrong to desire joy in life in light of this passage.
- Read Matthew 6:19-21
 - Should we store up treasure for ourselves? Why or why not?
- What do the following passages have to say about the connection between our spiritual state and how we deal with money and possessions?
 - Matthew 2:11
 - Luke 3:8-14
 - Luke 19:8-10
- Read Matthew 19:16-26. What are some of the differences between the man who found the treasure in the field, and the rich young man?
- KIDS:
 - Which one was putting his joy in God, and which one was putting his joy in his money?
 - Which of these men ended up being full of joy, and which one ended up being sad? Why do you think that is?
- What is a situation in which you have seen or experienced, either good or bad, a connection between a person's spiritual state and how they handled money or possessions?
- Give an opportunity for people to share at least one of their chosen quotes from Chapter One.
- Read Hebrews 10:24. How can we encourage one another toward the joy of giving? (*encourage the kids to participate in this question*)
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