

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Kingdom Path” Matthew 6:19-24 Oct 19, 2019

Getting Started

In every facet of our lives, there are just two choices on the shelf, “pleasing God or pleasing self!” The goal of today’s message is to “Connect our Heart to the ultimate Treasure!” by recognizing GREED and Rejecting it!

Think back over your life and identify one time when you remember you were acting in greed, when you were consumed with getting something even if it wasn’t good for you or if you had to hurt/neglect others to get it. Share that experience and what you learned from it.

Going Deeper:

The Principle of Kingdom Interest: {Corrupted Values}

Trinkets on Earth: “Do not *lay up* for yourselves *treasures* on *earth*, where *moth* and *rust* destroy and where *thieves* break in and *steal*” (Vs. 19)

Not Worn: “*moth*”

Not Used: “*rust*”

Not Protected: “*where*”

The common theme with these ‘treasures’ is that you have so many of them that you can’t even use them. You can’t wear all the clothes you have. You can’t use all the tools you have. You have to keep them stored or locked up. Of all the countries in the world, America has more storage rental businesses than anyone. Where do you think the idea of accumulating so much stuff came from? Why do we do this?

Treasure in Heaven: “*but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.*”
(Vs. 20)

Loving God

Loving People

‘Treasures in heaven’ is referring to the people who become Christians through your influence, whether through friendship with you, financial donations to ministries/missionaries, or through the people you have discipled and sent out to make more disciples. Jesus tells us that these are the only ‘treasures’ that we can take with us when we leave Earth for Heaven. How are doing with these kinds of investments?

The Perspective of Kingdom Insight: {Clouded Vision}

Passion dictates Priorities: “*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*” (Vs. 21)

Priorities drive our Pursuits: “*The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light.*” (Vs. 22)

Pursuits decide our Path: “*but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!*”
(Vs. 23)

What we think about all the time is our treasure. What our eyes look upon and imagine as favorable, worthy, or beautiful is our treasure. So, if my heart and eyes are always thinking about spending eternity with Jesus in Heaven, and how many people we can bring to Heaven with us, then our whole body will be full of light and we will live with an incredible sense of purpose, passion, and joy.

But, if we pursue earthly things, our eye is limited to only what this world can offer, and it is a great darkness that will consume us. **See Philippians 3:17-19.** What are you treasuring? What are you thinking about?

The Passion of Kingdom Investment: {Compromised Volition}

Undivided Loyalty: “No one can *serve* two masters... (Vs. 24a)

Unmatched Love: “for either he will *hate* the one and *love* the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other.” (Vs. 24b)

Unmatched Lifestyle: “You *cannot* serve God and money.” (Vs. 24c)

If you’ve ever had to work two jobs, you know exactly what this verse means. You may start off being able to manage it, but eventually one of the bosses needs you to work a time slot that conflicts with the other, and then you have to choose. The same is true with God and money. If we pursue money and the short term pleasures it can buy us, then we are at odds with God and the long term investment He asks us to make toward bringing many to Heaven with us. What decision is God calling on you to make today? What does this obedience look like? How can we help you take the first step?

Take Away: “God not only cares about what we choose to give, but what we choose to keep.” – Randy Alcorn

PRAYER: