



TREASURING JESUS ABOVE ALL ELSE

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In week eight of our series, the Greatest Of All Time, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount challenges us to examine what we really treasure most in our lives. Jesus warns us that even while our finances and earthly treasures prove to be fleeting and unreliable, our wealth will continually tend to pull our hearts away from our devotion to God.

BIG IDEA: Teach Your Heart to Treasure Jesus Above All Else

READ Matthew 6:19

What are the modern day equivalents of moths, rust, vermin, thieves, etc.? In other words, how are we prone to lose the earthly treasures we are working to build up?

READ Matthew 6:20

What do you think Jesus has in mind when he instructs us to store up "treasures in heaven"?

READ Matthew 6:21

How have you seen this statement play out in a negative way either in your own experience or in the lives of others?

How could we leverage the truth of this for our discipleship? How can we put our treasure where Jesus wants our hearts to be?

READ Matthew 6:22-23

What are some of the things that most people in our community have their eyes set on? What are most people around us pursuing and chasing? Why will that ultimately leave them "in the dark"?

READ Matthew 6:24

All of us have to work for a living or manage our finances. Is that the same thing as being a servant of our money?

READ 1 Timothy 6:17-19

What parallels do you see between this passage and Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6:19-24? How does this passage help clarify Matthew 6:19-24 -especially for those who have more wealth than most?

READ Matthew 13:44

In this parable, why did the man sell everything he owned? And in doing so, why was he feeling joy instead of fear or loss? What is Jesus telling us about life with Him in this short parable?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Jesus warns us that our earthly treasures are never really secure. What are some ways you've personally experienced the uncertainty of earthly wealth?
2. How do you know whether your money is serving your devotion to God or whether your money is stealing away your devotion to God?
3. What could you do to invest more in your own discipleship with Jesus?
4. What is one way you could move some of your money to move your heart toward Jesus?

COMMIT TO MEMORY: Matthew 6:21