

Where's Your Treasure?

Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. What is one possession that you really value?
2. Do you consider yourself to be a good gift-giver? Explain.

Read the following passage: Matthew 6:19-24.

Money touches just about everything in life. It affects our decision-making. It affects us emotionally. It affects how we think. It can even affect our identity. Jesus's teaching in the Sermon on the Mount motivates three big questions: Where is my treasure? How are my eyes (i.e. Do I see the world through the lens of generosity?) Whom am I serving?

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. How did your family's financial situation impact your life growing up? How would you characterize your relationship with money now? 1) It's a source of anxiety. 2) I don't think about it much. 3) I have definite financial goals. 4) I am comfortable with where I am financially. 5) Other?
2. Would you say that you have a strong hope in the next life that impacts how you live in this life? Explain. Read 1 Corinthians 15:19. What does Paul mean by this statement?
3. What are some examples of what it might look like to "store up treasures in heaven"?
4. Generally speaking, would you say that you look at the world through the lens of generosity? What might it look like to live a generous life? Do you know anybody who lives this way? How can we live generous lives without the fear of not being able to provide for ourselves or our families?
5. Why do you think money influences so many things in this life? What can we do to keep from being controlled by money?
6. Do you currently give a percentage of your income to Freedom Church (or your local church, if it is not Freedom Church)? Explain.
7. What is one way you would like to see your relationship with money change?

Pray