

WEEK 8 (October 4-10) Sermon on the Mount— "Real Treasure"
(Matthew 6:19-24)

Starting the Conversation (Read

Every day, we invest our time, energy, attention, and resources into something we believe is valuable. Jesus challenges His followers to consider a simple but searching question: What are you living for? In a world that encourages us to accumulate more, achieve more, and consume more, Jesus teaches that the greatest treasure isn't something we can own—it is found in life with God. The location of our treasure reveals the direction of our hearts. As citizens of God's kingdom, we are invited to invest our lives in things that have eternal value rather than temporary satisfaction.

Let's Read Matthew 6:19–21

Leader: *Jesus contrasts two kinds of treasure: the temporary treasures of earth and the eternal treasures of heaven. He isn't saying possessions are inherently wrong, but He is warning us against allowing temporary things to become ultimate things.*

- What do you think Jesus means by "treasures on earth" and "treasures in heaven"?
 - Why is it so easy to devote our hearts to things that don't last?
 - Jesus says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How have you seen this principle play out in your own life?
 - What are some practical ways we can invest in things with eternal significance?
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Let's Read Matthew 6:21–23

Leader: *Jesus uses the image of the eye as the "lamp of the body." What we focus on shapes the direction of our lives. A heart fixed on God's kingdom leads to clarity, while a heart consumed with earthly pursuits leads to spiritual darkness.*

- What do you think Jesus means by having a "healthy" or "good" eye?
 - How does what we consistently focus on shape our attitudes and priorities?
 - What distractions most often compete for your attention and affection?
 - How can we intentionally cultivate a kingdom-focused perspective?
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Let's Read Matthew 6:24

Leader: *Jesus concludes with one of the strongest statements in the Sermon on the Mount: "No one can serve two masters." Our hearts cannot be fully devoted to both God's kingdom and the pursuit of wealth or possessions.*

- Why do you think Jesus speaks so directly about money here?
 - What does it mean to "serve" money rather than simply possess it?
 - How can we tell when money or possessions have begun to control our hearts?
 - What does faithful stewardship look like without allowing money to become our master?
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Closing

Jesus isn't calling us to value earthly things less because they don't matter; He's calling us to value eternal things more because they matter forever. When Christ becomes our greatest treasure, everything else finds its proper place.

- What competes most often for first place in your heart?
- If someone looked at your calendar, spending habits, and priorities, what would they conclude is your greatest treasure? Is there an area where God is inviting you to loosen your grip on temporary things?
- How can you intentionally invest more deeply in God's kingdom this week?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to treasure Christ above everything else?

PRAYER

Father, thank You for reminding us that true treasure is found in You alone. We confess that our hearts are often drawn toward things that are temporary and unable to satisfy us fully. Help us to see our possessions, time, and resources as gifts to steward rather than treasures to cling to. Teach us to invest our lives in what has eternal value and to trust that You are enough for every need we have. Shape our hearts so that Jesus becomes our greatest treasure and Your kingdom our highest priority. May everything we do reflect our love for You and our desire to live faithfully as citizens of Your kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.