

Bible study for the week starting July 4, 2021 A Heart for God: Treasure Hunting

SHARE

1. What's something you always wanted, you saved for a long time to get, and you finally were able to acquire (A certain car, something for your home, a trip, retirement, etc.)? When you attained it, was it as rewarding and lasting as you thought it would be?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

- 2. Read Psalm 24. This is a beautiful reminder of the blessings of God as we celebrate this Independence Day weekend. What perspective does this give as "in God we trust?"
- 3. Read Ephesians 2:4-10. Clearly, this is a familiar passage. What do we hear about 'immeasurable riches' what we deserve and what we receive in Jesus Christ?
- 4. Read Luke 12:13-34. It usually makes us uncomfortable to talk about money in church, but Jesus is happy to initiate the conversation. Why do you think He brings it up so much? Hint: It's probably not because He needs the money;)
- 5. Our goal in this sermon series is to immerse ourselves in the life and teachings of Jesus, so that we would more accurately possess and reflect the heart of Jesus. When you look at the subject matter of Luke 12:13-34, where do you find God still has some work to do on your heart? You heard a few suggestions in the message; any other ideas of a meaningful next step for you personally?

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives and pray for these joys and needs.



A Heart for God: Treasure Hunting Luke 12:13-34 July 4, 2021 – Pastor Eric Van Scharrel

You OWN nothing, but you are a STEWARD of everything.

'[Jesus said] Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the <u>ABUNDANCE</u> of his possessions.' -Luke 12:15

'[Jesus said] Do not be anxious about this life...which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to this span of life? Seek

FIRST His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.' -Luke
12:22, 25, 31

You're not <u>INNOCENT</u>; you're <u>FORGIVEN</u>. You come <u>EMPTY</u>-handed – a <u>BEGGAR</u> before God – and He <u>FILLS</u> your hands to overflowing with the riches of His <u>GRACE</u>.

We invest our time, energy, and money into things that <u>MATTER</u> and beaar FRUIT.

People put so much focus on things that to God are of very little worth, while giving away their <u>HEALTH</u>, <u>CONTENTMENT</u>, and often eternal <u>SALVATION</u>.

Their CEILING is our ROAD.