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WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our mission is to help people **Come** to know Jesus as Savior, **Grow** in a relationship with Him, and **Live** their lives for Him. God loves you and we pray that during the worship service you will be able to connect with Him through song, scripture, and the message.

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Sermon Series: Let Go and Take Hold Sermon Title: KISS: Keep It Simple Sheep Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21

Speaker: Pastor Kendall Harger

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NURSERY

AGES: newborn-2 years

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH

AGES: 3 years-2nd grade

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<u>Sermon Notes</u> October 29, 2023

KISS: Keep It Simple Sheep

<u>Big Idea</u> Simplicity will give me margin.

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Matthew 6:19-21
Simplicity will give me margin to receive God's love and to share that love with the people around me.
The righteousness of the kingdom of heaven works out in the details of one's personal life.

The issue is not one's net worth, but how one is using material possessions. Unused surplus is eventually destroyed or stolen.
These verses imply that we often have a choice between activities that lead to greater earthly reward in this present life and those that store up greater future reward in heaven.
John Mark Comer comments that, "It's not enough
just to simplify our closet or home or even our schedule; we have to simplify around something. What you center your heart on will define who you will become, for better or worse."
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Discussion Questions

Ice Breaker

- -What was the last "fun" purchase you made?
- -What comes to mind when you think of money? Do any emotions come up? Do you talk about money? Why is it such a difficult topic to discuss?

Read Matthew 6:19-21

- 1. According to these verses, **practically speaking**, why does Jesus warn us against laying up treasures on earth? What is the **spiritual reason** Jesus encourages us not to lay up treasures in heaven?
- 2. Jesus refers to two types of treasures temporary and eternal. What are some of the characteristics of each type of treasure? What is the benefit to pursuing eternal treasure? (Matthew 6:19-21, 2 Corinthians 4:16–18, Psalms 49:16-19)
- 3. Are temporary treasures the measuring stick that you use to determine how well you and others are doing in life? What captures your interests, consumes your energy, do you daydream about; are these temporary or eternal?
- 4. Discuss this wisdom found in **Proverbs 30:7-9** about stewarding financial riches on earth.
- 5. Using this definition of greed: <u>The assumption that it's all for my consumption</u>, how could giving and/or generosity be a guardrail used to protect yourself from greed?
- 6. Are there any possessions or consumeristic behaviors that compete with Jesus for your attention or even affection? Is there anything you are afraid Jesus will ask you to give up?

<u>Deeper Walk</u>

<u>Pray</u>: Ask God to help you become a more generous person. Ask him to help you see the value in giving rather than grieving the loss of a possession.

<u>Give</u>: Take inventory of your belongings while thinking about the needs of your community. What surplus do you have that could meet a need? Take your opportunity to love God and serve others by being generous.