

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Transforming Truth: Faith That Shapes Everyday Life

Sermon: Matthew 6:19-24, Hebrews 10:19-25, 1 John 4:7-21

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1. *Read Matthew 6:19-24.* Pastor Nick defines our treasure as "whatever you value enough to begin to organize your life around." If you were to honestly audit your life (spending, schedule, and career), what would it reveal about what has captured your heart?
2. Jesus contrasts the "healthy eye" (generosity) with the "bad eye" (greed and stinginess). Why do you think greed is so sneaky and incredibly difficult for us to admit compared to other struggles?
3. *Read Hebrews 10:19-25.* Hebrews commands us to draw near with a "true, sincere, and undivided heart." Dr. Murawski contrasted this with "catfishing God"—wearing a "false veneer" or "happy shell" at church while rotting or crying out on the inside. Why is it so tempting to wear these spiritual masks, and how can our life group build a space of "holy vulnerability"?

4. The Greek word for "stir up" (v. 24) is a colorful, forceful word used in Acts 15:39 to describe Paul and Barnabas's "sharp disagreement". What does it practically look like to "poke, prod, and agitate" one another toward growth in Christ? Why is this loving, face-to-face prodding impossible to replicate over a couch on a livestream?

5. *Read 1 John 4:7-21.* Pastor Jonathan describes love as saying to another person, "It's good that you exist; it's good that you are in this world." How does that challenge or expand the way you normally think about love?

6. What does the sending of Jesus—and ultimately the cross—teach us about what God's love actually looks like? How should receiving that kind of love change the way we love others?

7. Who do you find particularly difficult to love right now? What might it look like to move toward that person with the love you have received from Christ?

