God Family Country

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Living for What Lasts

Speaker: Pastor Tony Orihuela

Highlighted Scripture

- **James 4:14**
  Tony references Scripture's description of our lives as a vapor—here for a little while and then gone. Our time on earth is temporary compared with eternity in God's presence.

- **Matthew 6:19–20**
  Jesus teaches us not to store up treasures on earth, where they can be destroyed, but to store up treasures in heaven. Tony uses this teaching to challenge us to invest our lives in what has eternal value.

Discussion Questions

- **Tony compares our earthly lives to temporarily living in a tent. What does that illustration teach us about how Christians should view this life?**

- **If our time here really is brief compared with eternity, how should that affect the things we prioritize?**

• What are some "earthly treasures" that can easily receive more of our attention than they deserve?

• What do you think it practically means to "store up treasures in heaven"?

• Tony says this doesn't mean Christians must live in poverty. How can we enjoy God's blessings without allowing temporary things to become the focus of our lives?

Reflection Challenge

Look at your life through the perspective of eternity.

Ask yourself:

• Am I investing most of my energy into things that are temporary or things that have eternal value?

• Is there anything in this life that I am holding onto too tightly?

• If I truly remembered how temporary this life is, what would I do differently?

Try this:

• Look at how you spend your time and identify one area you could intentionally redirect toward something with eternal value.

• Do something this week for another person without expecting anything in return.

• When you find yourself overly worried about possessions or circumstances, remind yourself: This is temporary. God is

eternal.

• Spend time thanking God for the hope of eternity with Him.

Remember

• Our earthly lives are temporary.

• Eternity should shape the way we live today.

• Earthly possessions are blessings, but they are not our ultimate treasure.

• What we invest in God's Kingdom has eternal significance.

• Through Jesus Christ, believers have the hope of eternal life with God.

Prayer

Father God,

Thank You for reminding me that this life is temporary and that my true hope is found in You. Help me hold the things of this world with open hands and invest my time, energy, and resources in what has eternal value. Keep me from becoming so comfortable with temporary things that I forget what truly matters. Help me live each day with eternity in mind, glorifying You with the life You have given me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.