



Week 8- "Money And Treasure"

In this series we are diving into one of the most incredible talks Jesus ever gave: "The Sermon on the Mount". When Jesus arrived He knew that our attempts at lasting change, and growth doesn't lead to the life we all strive for and He came to bring a brand new way of living. In this week's message, we discover that Jesus acknowledges that money can have power over us, and how we can break that power.

1. What stood out to you in the message?
2. Why do you think it is so hard to see the power materialism has in your heart?
3. Why is it so easy to see it on other people?

Read Matthew 6:19-34

Jesus included the topic of greed and materialism because this can be something hidden in us that we don't recognize is there.

4. What do you think it practically looks like to evaluate your heart to see if greed or materialism has power in your life?
5. In what ways are you looking for significance, security and peace from your financial status?
6. What does it say about God's heart for you that He paid the ultimate price to give you significance?

7. The only way to find freedom from greed and materialism is to know who God is and who you are in Him. Do you agree with this? Why or why not?

8. Discuss the reality that we all have something at the center of our souls that we treasure and that anything outside of Christ Himself requires us to die (sacrifice something) in order to get it. Where does this land with you?

9. Christianity teaches that Jesus died for you and that makes you what God treasures most. Is this something that you know to be true? Why or why not?

10. How can these three questions help you evaluate your heart: Where do you find significance? Where do you find security? What do you treasure?

13. What step can you take to trust who God says you are, instead of seeking for significance, and security in things that fall apart?

If we know that we are God's treasure, that we are valuable enough that Jesus chose to die for us, then we will find freedom from the grip of greed. We won't want to look for significance, security in anything other than Christ Himself.