



Message Notes

Mini-series 3: Living the Good Life

Week 2: Matthew 6:1-4, 19-24
(NIV)

Big Idea for this week:

Living God's good life calls us to _____ not _____.

1. How we give declares our _____.

2. How we give declares our _____.

How do we pour and not store?

1. Decide before the struggle _____ you will give

2. Decide before the struggle _____ you will give

Big idea: pour / store 1. intentions 2. affections How: 1. what 2. why

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What stuck out to you about Jesus' Message today? What does this passage reveal to us about God? What does this passage reveal to us about people? How do you see the beatitudes affect this section of Jesus' Message on the Mount?

2. In this message, Jesus talks about giving. Giving is a spiritual discipline that is intended to be a part of our following-Jesus experience. How do we give and keep right motives? How do give even when it's hard? How do we continue to pour out when our human nature and the world tells us to store up?

3. Why do you think some people tend to lean towards storing up? Is it always bad? Why or why not? What do you think happens when we rely on the material things of this world rather than trust in God?

4. Re-read this passage. Looking at this passage, what areas do you need to grow in? What areas do find yourself storing up instead of pouring out? Do you agree with Jesus that these things can be a matter of the heart? Why or why not? How do tell Jesus we love Him in these areas?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me live for You in my things. Help me not to hold onto the things of this world so tightly that I take my eyes off You. Give me a generous heart that loves to pour into others for Your glory, Jesus. In Your Name, amen.

You'll want to come back as we learn from Christ how to thrive when competing kingdoms collide.