

LIFE MINISTRIES SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Small Group Guide: Treasures in Heaven By Pastor Anthony

Opening Prayer: Ask a volunteer to open the session in prayer, focusing on openness to God's word and wisdom in applying it to our lives.

Key Scripture: Matthew 6:19-21

Main Idea: True generosity is a reflection of the heart's priorities, revealing whether we seek to accumulate earthly wealth or build eternal treasures in heaven.

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. The pastor used the example of a family heirloom watch. How does this analogy help explain the concept of earthly vs. heavenly treasures?
3. According to the sermon, where your treasure is reflects your heart's priorities. What does your current use of time and resources say about your priorities?
4. How can we practically seek God's kingdom and righteousness first in our daily lives?
5. The sermon mentions generosity as an act of worship and devotion. Share a time when you experienced joy in giving. How did it impact your faith?
6. What challenges do you face in breaking free from materialism? How can we support each other in embracing eternal values?
7. The pastor introduced "acts of kindness" cards. What are some creative ways we could use these to bless others in our community?

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Key Takeaways:

1. Our hearts follow where we place our treasures.
2. Seeking God's kingdom and righteousness first aligns our priorities with His.
3. Generosity is an expression of worship and devotion to God.
4. Breaking free from materialism allows us to embrace eternal values.
5. Small acts of kindness can have a significant impact on others and store up treasures in heaven.

Practical Applications:

1. Conduct a "treasure inventory" this week. Evaluate where you're investing your time, money, and energy.
2. Choose one way to incorporate generosity into your spiritual disciplines this week (e.g., giving to a cause, serving others, sharing resources).
3. Set a goal to minimize unnecessary purchases. Consider donating those resources to a charitable cause or missions work.
4. Take an "acts of kindness" card and use it to bless someone unexpectedly this week. Share your experience at the next meeting.
5. Spend time in prayer, asking God to reveal areas where you may be too focused on earthly treasures and how to shift your focus to heavenly ones.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His generosity towards us and ask for His help in aligning our hearts with His priorities. Pray for opportunities to be generous and store up treasures in heaven.