

LifeGroup Study Sheet

Jan 26th - Investing The Blessed Life

This guide is designed to help you prepare for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything this week that really stood out to you? Was there anything that was brand new to you or something God made very clear to you this week?

Introduction

What was the costliest investment you have ever made in your life? Why was it so costly?

Digging In**Read Matthew 6:19-24**

Pastor Jeff said that this passage shows us there are two choices that we have as it relates to our treasures, and how we invest them. Our treasures include our wealth and our money. The two options are:

Option #1 – On Earth (v. 19)

Option #2 – In Heaven (v. 20)

1. What are some reasons as to why you think Jesus says not to store up your treasures on this earth? Look at the passage again and think of it as it relates to these three topics.
 - Don't Last (v. 19)
 - Dominates Your Heart (v. 21)
 - Darkens Your Eyes (v. 22-23)
 - Dethrones Your True Master (v. 24)
2. Which of these areas as it relates to Jesus' teaching on earthly treasures hits home with you the most? Why?
3. Think of all the earthly treasures you possess. Out of all of them which causes you to lose sight eternal treasures the most and dwell on the temporal?

Read Matthew 19:16-30

Pastor Jeff challenged us by saying **“the option of investing in heaven is a long-term reward but requires a short-term sacrifice!”**

4. What did the Rich Ruler's response to Jesus' request reveal about his attitude towards his possessions? (hint v.20)

5. What is the difference between Peter's response and the Rich Ruler's response? (v.27) What will be the long-term reward? (v.29)

6. Why is it so hard for us to focus on eternity?

Taking it Home

1. Jesus says that nobody can serve two masters. You will love one and hate the other. What treasure in your life has the potential to cause God to become your enemy?
2. In what ways in your life are you obeying God's commandments without giving God your heart? (Just like the Rich Ruler in Matthew 19)
3. Read **Psalm 139:23-24**. Ask yourself this question as you reflect on this verse, "What area of my life might God ask for my trust or obedience today?"

Praise / Prayer Requests

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