

Life Group Homework

For the week of March 26, 2017

QUICK REVIEW

- 1) Upon reviewing your notes from Sunday's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention?

MY STORY

- 2) What theme or idea has God been speaking to you about personally throughout this study?
- 3) What was your takeaway from last week's study?
- 4) From last week's study, did you do something different with your treasure?

DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 6:19-23

¹⁹“Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

- 5) What reason does Jesus give us to not store our treasure here on earth?
- 6) From verse 21 what does it mean to have our heart attached to our treasure?
- 7) Have you ever rearranged your life for something you treasured, and how would our lives change if we rearranged our lives to have treasure in Heaven?

TAKING IT HOME

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ²There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”

⁶Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

⁸Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!”

⁹Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

- 8) What does Zacchaeus's response to Jesus imply about how he had been living prior to meeting Jesus?
- 9) What changed about how Zacchaeus viewed his treasure?
- 10) Have you ever had an experience where your whole view changed, if so will you share it with the group?

CHAIR TIME TOOL

We have arrived at the end of this study and it has been a great journey for many. This week we encourage you to do two things; first, allow God to speak to you about areas you have been challenged with during the Too Comfortable series. And ask the following question; What can I do in response to his challenge?

Second, we have worked for eight weeks to write our life's mission statement. If you have followed along we are at the final week, the goal this week is to condense our values to one guiding statement as a mission statement for our lives. I have shared my personal values and here is the mission statement God has put into my heart over these weeks.

- I am here to be available to help people know and follow Jesus whenever and wherever I go.

I know it sounds simple but I desperately want people to know the Jesus I have come to know over the years of walking with him. I want to be approachable to unbelievers and show the kindness and love Jesus showed to outcasts and the marginalized. I am by no means perfect at this endeavor but it is the goal of my life. It is my hope and my treasure. Thanks for walking with me through this journey.

TOO COMFORTABLE?

When my comfort meets God's challenges

Week 3: Treasure

Pastor Craig Sweeney

- **One main point:** In the kingdom of God, we pay **attention** to where our **treasure** is.

Review:

- **What is in my hands?**
- **Am I willing to hear what God has to say about the treasure in my hands?**

Point #1: We exchange treasure of lesser value for treasure of greater value.

Point #2: We all have something in our hands to work with.

Point #3: God views us as stewards of His treasure.

Point #4: We can't take treasure with us, but we can send it on ahead of us.

Question: Do we know why we have been given so much?

1. Fund the care of myself and my family's present. 70-80%
2. Fund the care of myself and my family's future. 10-20%
3. Fund God's mission through His local church. 10%+

Matthew 6:19-21

Luke 19:1-10

Point #5: Where my **treasure** has been is a **reflection** of where my **heart** has been.

Question 1: Am I comfortable with the fact that how I have been stewarding my **treasure falls short of God's challenge?**

To follow Christ with my **heart/treasure**...will require **FAITH** to **step onto** the narrow path AND will require **FAITH** to **stay on** the narrow path.

Point #6: Investing in the kingdom of God yields big returns.

- When our hearts aren't in it...we see few **opportunities**.
- Living in **fear** VS **expecting** good things to come as he followed the heart of his master.
- His master expected him to give it his best **effort!**
- The first two servants experienced incredible gains because God met them in their act of **faith**.
- An **eternal** perspective.

1 Corinthians 3:5-19

- We can hear this as **guilt** or we can hear it as **inspiration**.
- **What is up to me?**
 - Giving my **BEST** effort...
 - Giving my **BEST** effort for my family's **PRESENT**, **FUTURE**...
 - Giving my **BEST** effort for my family's **PRESENT**, **FUTURE**... and for **GOD's MISSION**

Is it time to change directions?

- Do you find yourself affirmed in the way that you steward God's treasure in your hands?
- Are we taking seriously God's challenge to be rich towards Him, by funding His mission through His local church?
- Are we taking seriously God's challenge to fund the care of ourselves and our families in the present and future?