



DIGGING DEEPER

Treasure in the Kingdom

This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to fopc.org/sermon or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer.]

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something from this week's text or message that stood out or made an impression on you?
2. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." This passage from the *Sermon on the Mount* challenges us to evaluate what we are investing in. For you, where are you investing your "treasure"? What are some examples of investments that won't spoil, perish, or be eaten and destroyed by moths and vermin?
3. Jesus asserts that you cannot serve two masters. Was there a point in your life where you struggled serving two masters? How have you personally balanced the need for money, but a love for God?
4. "Do not worry about your life." This one verse from the *Sermon on the Mount* might be the hardest verse to assimilate into our lives. What areas of your life do you worry about? How often do you turn your worries into prayers between you and the people closest to you? What is one area of your life you would like your small group to be praying for?

PRAY [Close in prayer!]

Spend some time in prayer for one another. Specifically make sure to pray over the expressed "worries" from the previous question.

KEY SCRIPTURE [Matthew 6:19-34]

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.