

Wednesday

Read: **Matthew 6:22** *Having the light*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How might people or things in your life look differently if you leaned on God for the light to see them?*
2. *How might you more deeply involve God in your financial life?*

Prayer Focus Despite all its glitter, our world is nothing compared to the healing and peace we find in connection with you, Great God. Thank you for being our light.

Thursday

Read: **Matthew 6:23** *Being the dark*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What things can blur or distort the eyes of your heart?*
2. *Do you think we can enjoy life in the world if we give first priority to God? How?*

Prayer Focus There is darkness in our world. We can lose our way. There is darkness in our hearts and souls sometimes. We get caught up in consuming, thinking we are the center of all. Today we look to you, Giver of all, for guidance, for the light we can find only when we trust in you, the true center.

Friday

Read: **Matthew 6:24** *Undivided loyalty*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Have there been times when you felt God limited your choices? Is that good or bad?*
2. *Where do you see your focus in life in the coming week?*

Prayer Focus Having wealth is not the same as having life in abundance through you, Holy One. We give you all thanks for showing us that when we give our souls into your hands, when we put you first, we have the greatest gifts to treasure and to share.

Looking In

Pastor's message: **Matthew 6:19-24**; Stewardship
Message Notes:

Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *Briefly, who or what has taught you the most about handling money?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Matthew 6:19-24**

- Discuss observations about the text
 - *What word or phrase strikes you the most?*
 - *What do you think is the most important point of the text?*

Application of Scripture (The central transformative questions)

- What did you hear God say to you through this week's Scriptures?
- What are you doing about it?
- How can we support you?

Share your faith (in groups of 3)

- *How have you experienced God recently in your life?* (This is a weekly question - it may be difficult to answer at first, but if you ask it each week you may start to notice God more in your life.)

Pray for each other

Refreshments (optional)



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Monday

Read **Matthew 6:19** *Things of this world*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What treasures and cares are foremost in your life today?*
2. *What can we do to live in the world and yet make sure that God is first in all things?*

Prayer Focus All Wise, you know we struggle to keep our eyes and hearts on you rather than the worldly things all around us. Forgive us for getting caught up with material things, with business and busyness. Help us to resist putting them first in our lives.

Tuesday

Read: **Matthew 6:20-21** *Things of God*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What are some of the consequences for other people if we focus on storing up worldly treasures?*
2. *What does it look like to store up heavenly treasures in our lives?*

Prayer Focus Provider and sustainer, your treasures, your undying grace, hope, and forgiveness are beyond our comprehension. Nothing in our world compares with your love. Show where to center our hearts and how to reach first for the abundance of a relationship with you.