

Wednesday

Read: **Matthew 6:25-30** *Why do you worry?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What is your experience with worry or anxiety in your life?*
2. *What is one part of your life where you might practice turning control over to God? What might be the result?*

Prayer Focus Jesus, you taught us that worry is a waste and anxiety is another name for living in fear. Thank you for your comfort and presence. Thank you for being the one who sets priorities that bring bedrock peace to our souls.

Thursday

Read: **Matthew 6:31-34** *What do you strive for?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *What are some Bible passages regarding money you can recall? How are they meaningful to you?*
2. *How can you seek heaven's ways first?*

Prayer Focus God, forgive us for ways we run after money and things. Distract us from that path with the knowledge of your love and the myriad ways we can show our gratitude.

Friday

Read: **Matthew 7:1-5** *Whom do you judge?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How has your judging someone affected your life—good or bad?*
2. *How can we as a church share the good news that God loves broken people like us?*

Prayer Focus Bless you, Jesus, for being the hope of the losers, the left-out, and the deeply mistaken. We commit ourselves to turning away from worry over the things of our world, and toward the abundance of life in you.

Finding Your Treasure

Pastor's message: Matthew 6:19-7:6

Message Notes:



Small Group Format

Welcome

- Introductions/getting acquainted
- Mutual Invitation question: *What charity would you choose to give to if you suddenly gained a lot of money? Why does this work call to your heart?*

Opening Prayer

Song (optional)

Reflection on Scripture

Have someone read: **Matthew 6:19-7:6**

- 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)

FINDING YOUR TREASURE

May 5, 2024

Monday

Read: Matthew 6:19-21 *Where is your treasure?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *Give an example of what you see as a "treasure in heaven" and of a "treasure on earth."*
2. *How have you viewed treasure in your life? Has that view changed over time?*

Prayer Focus We ask forgiveness for focusing on what the world says we need and want, Holy God. Show us again the treasures you have for us—ones you've given already and ones we might see if we follow more closely in Jesus' footsteps.

Tuesday

Read: Matthew 6:22-24 *Whom do you serve?*

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. *How do you feel when your inner light is bright? When it's dark?*
2. *What things compete for your attention and energy today? How do you balance them?*

Prayer Focus We sometimes have a spirit of darkness within us, a spirit that can shadow all we see. Give us a new vision, God of Light, one that isn't so divided and conflicted. Give us eyes to guide us out of the dim light of "stuff" and into the clear light of seeking you first.