

Don't Make a \$450 Million Mistake – Matthew 6:19-24

Purpose of Discussion: To analyze where our hearts currently are and to identify ways we can store up eternal treasures.

Sermon Refresher: Jesus tells us that instead of storing up our treasures on Earth, we should store up our treasures in heaven. He tells us that we cannot have our hearts set on things of this earth and of heaven, and while all our earthly treasures will leave us, our eternal treasures will be with us forever.

Icebreaker: Think back to your first job and your very first pay check. What did you buy with that hard-earned money? (Alternate question: as a kid, what did you spend your birthday money on?)

Discussion:

1. We all have the things in our lives that hold more importance than they should. What is one thing in your life that might be considered “storing up treasures on earth?”
2. What does Jesus really mean when he makes the statement “But store up for yourself treasures in heaven”?
3. Read Matthew 6:22-24

Jesus describes greed and materialism as something that blinds you. Why do you think Jesus speaks so strongly about greed and materialism? How do you think we are blind to our materialism?

4. How do we break the power of earthly possessions in our life? How are you personally trying to store up your treasures in heaven? How is it going?
5. If we break the power of earthly possessions, we are freed up to store our treasures in heaven. What are the areas in your life that you can start adding eternal treasures to?

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Digging Deeper: Read Phil. 4:17.

What does this verse say about giving our gifts to God?

6. Consider the people in your life and your relationships with them. Who is someone that could benefit from your gift of time and intentionality?

Sharing and Prayer: Prayer is one way that we can store up treasures in heaven. Let's ask God to be our only master, and let's surrender our earthly possession and treasures to him. We can also pray for the people we identified in our lives.