**Sermon Discussion Guide**

**Week 1. “Where Is Your Treasure?”**

**Matthew 6:19-21**

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##### Key Verse:  “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21 CEB)

**Summary:** We like to think our treasure is where our heart is, but often our treasure gets spent on things that are not truly important to us. Our treasure consists of our money, but also our time and energy. We often feel as if we have to do everything, but this spreads our hearts too thin! We are challenged this week to think about what we want to invest in, versus what we actually are investing in. If there is a disconnect between the two, how can we work toward getting our treasure and our heart in line?

**Discussion Starter:** What do you think it means to collect treasures in heaven?

**Read and Reflect on one scripture each day, making notes in your journal:** Jesus knows we can be afraid when it comes to being provided for, and he calls us to trust in him. The following verses all contain elements of trust. How are trust and treasure connected?

**Luke 12:32-34**

  ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

  What do you think it means that God has given us the kingdom?

**Proverbs 11:28**

 Those who trust in their riches will wither, but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.

  How does this promise make you feel? Have you ever found that in being faithful to God unexpected provision has come your way? When?

**Proverbs 23:4-5**

 Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist.
 When your eyes light upon it, it is gone;  for suddenly it takes wings to itself, flying like an eagle towards heaven.

  What are some times in our world and in our personal lives when riches can disappear?

**Proverbs 28:25-26**

 The greedy person stirs up strife,  but whoever trusts in the Lord will be enriched.
Those who trust in their own wits are fools; but those who walk in wisdom come through safely.

  This Scripture calls us not to trust in ourselves but to follow wisdom. What are some specific ways we can apply ourselves to this teaching? How is wisdom gained? What or who are some sources of wisdom?

**Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, we all want our lives to matter. We want to invest in the things that are important to us. But sometimes we are afraid and lack trust. Help us to seek you and your wisdom and to store up treasures in heaven. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Things I’d like to remember from this week’s sermon:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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