

Main Passage: Matthew 6:19-34

Theological Theme

Our number one priority should be living like Jesus. When we trust in Him and put Him first, He guides and takes care of us.

Introduction

- When you think about our society, what do you see most people seeking and putting their trust in?
- Where are you prone to this also? As believers, why should our priorities be different?

1. Moth and Rust Destroy (Matthew 6:19-21)

The pursuit of wealth and power is a temptation the enemy has dangled in front of countless generations of people because it works. These are common desires of the human heart. Only through the redemptive and transforming work of the Holy Spirit in us do our hearts (and desires) begin to change.

- What does it mean to store up treasure in heaven?
- Phow do the things we value reveal the state of our hearts (v. 21)?
- Application: How can we assess where our "treasure" is? What are some markers in our lives and routines that help us do this?

2. Two Masters (Matthew 6:22-24)

Jesus's teaching presents an important question: Where are we training our eyes? When our eyes are trained on Jesus, we are generous, but when our eyes are trained on earthly prizes, we often adopt stingy attitudes (and maneuver into situations where we are unable to be as generous).

- How do you interpret Jesus teaching around "the eye is the lamp of the body" (v. 22)? What does this mean?
- How have you seen the truth that we can't "serve both God and money" (v. 24)?
- Application: Sometimes a shift in priorities can sneak up on you. What are some ways we can assess what we are prioritizing in our lives? Where might you have drifted away from the Lord without realizing it?

3. The Cure For Anxiety (Matthew 6:25-34)

Isn't it amazing that, thousands of years later, Jesus's words remain so relevant and applicable for life today? Of all of Jesus's teaching in Matthew 6, He spent the most time on anxiety and worry.

- Do you consider yourself particularly prone to worry and anxiety? Why or why not?
- What does it mean practically to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness" (v. 33)?
- How do you see worry and anxiety play a role in your life and the lives of others in your life stage? How can you take these concerns before God daily?

Conclusion

- What are some ways you can better prioritize "heavenly treasure" over "earthly treasure?"
- What are some ways we seek to build trust in God and take our burdens to Him? How can we support one another in this as a group?
- How does living as those who seek God's kingdom first give us further opportunity to tell others about Him?