

Transformed, Not Conformed: Treasure Management

Matthew 6:19-21

Life Group Questions – February 4, 2018

Connect

Name one of your favorite material possessions, and why you've enjoyed it.

Study

1. Review Jesus' vision for us who follow Him (**Matthew 5:14-16; Romans 12:2**). List reasons why it's easy for us to be influenced & conformed to the world instead.
2. Last week, we learned that everything we have belongs to God and that a *steward* is someone who looks after another person's property. What lessons are you learning about being God's steward—share how it's going for you.
3. **Read Matthew 6:19-20**. Jesus describes 2 investment plans, 2 ways we can steward the treasures He's entrusted to us. What's He say to do and not do?
4. **Read Luke 12:15-21**. In Jesus' parable, what question did the man ask, and how did he think of his possessions? What did God call him & why? **Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5**. How did the Macedonian Christians think of their possessions, and what question do you imagine they asked? Who did they give themselves to (vs. 5)?
5. How do we store up "treasures in heaven" (see **Luke 12:33; 1 Timothy 6:17-19**)?
6. **Read Matthew 6:21**. In Ecclesiastes, we learned God wants us to enjoy His good gifts but not to attach our heart to them. Where's your heart when you store up treasures on earth? When you store up treasures in heaven? Why does this matter?
7. What did you find most helpful in the message? What questions did it prompt?
8. Share with the group one way you want to store up treasure in heaven this week. As a group, how can you band together to store up treasure in heaven now?

Pray

Like the Macedonian Christians: **a)** give yourself first to the Lord in fresh surrender; **b)** ask God to renew your minds, so you can ask better questions as you look at the money and possessions He's entrusted to you; **c)** ask Him to help you see eternal opportunities.