



Study 7: Your Treasure, Your Heart

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Scanning

Main Texts: Matthew 6:19-34

Group Discussion: Think back on this series on idolatry. Do you think that talking to unbelievers about idolatry could be a useful way to share the gospel with them? Why or why not?

Going Deeper

1. One evangelist typically begins by talking to non-Christians this way: *“Sin isn’t only doing bad things. It is more fundamentally making good things into ultimate things. Sin is building your life and meaning on anything, even a very good thing, more than on God. Whatever we build or live on will drive us and enslave us. Sin is primarily idolatry.”*

What do you think of this description? How might it be clarifying for an unbeliever?

2. In Matthew 6:19-21, does Jesus command us not to go after treasure?

3. What is the deepest issue that Jesus points to in our lives in verses 19-21? How are the other things related to it in these verses?

4. According to verses 24 and 25, what are two symptoms of our “treasures”? How do these symptoms actually show what our treasures are?

5. According to v19, what is the problem with most of the treasures we spend our lives laying up? How do you see this at work in our culture?

6. What do we mean when we say that “replacement” is the key to growth in the Christian life? Describe what it looks like in your own life and growth.

Applying

7. Look at the hints in Matthew 6:19-34. How might you make God your greatest treasure?

8. Spend some time reviewing (or memorising for the first time) Psalm 73:25-26.