

## **R E A D**

Matthew 6:19-24

## **C O N S I D E R**

It comes as no surprise that Jesus is once again challenging the state of our heart. He wants us to move past external behavior to have hearts and minds that live for Him. As you come to church this Sunday, read through Matthew 6:19-24 and see how Jesus is challenging our worldview, exposing our heart and reminding us who is ultimately in control.

This week, Pastor Gordon Poon from Cornerstone Christian Community Church will be guiding us through our final Sunday in the Sermon on the Mount series. We want to invite our Community Groups at some point in 2025 to also journey through the study guide before we revisit the rest of the Sermon on the Mount in early 2026. Our hope is that the way of Jesus will deeply form us & equip us to be a part of what He is doing in this world. When we experience Christ more daily, we will bear witness to the gospel in our home, school, workplace and community.

Pastor Tim Sreedharan

## **P R A Y**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21.

Father, help us to reflect on the times where we do not store up treasures that cannot spoil. We ask that you will transform our worldview so that we live for your kingdom. Help us to value what you value and to aim to live a life that reflects the values of your kingdom. Help us to have hearts that fixate upon Christ, our Savior and ultimate reward. Amen.

# DIVING DEEPER

Week 6

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(The Values of the Kingdom)

- **Read v19-20.** What is Jesus trying to communicate?
- If we understand heaven (v20) to mean the kingdom of heaven (which includes our present life + the life to come), how does that help us better understand what we are to store up?
- **Read v21.** What do you think about the following quote by D.A. Carson – “The things we treasure actually govern our lives. What we value tugs at our minds and emotions; consumes our time with planning, day-dreaming, and effort to achieve.”
- What perishable treasures are most likely to govern your lives? In what ways do they hamper us from having a kingdom focus?
- **Read v22-23.** Since healthy implies generosity and darkness implies stinginess, to be full of light is to be generous. How does this understanding shape our discussion of treasure (note how it connects well with v24).
- **Read v24.** Money is not evil. Jesus just taught his disciples to ask him for their daily provision (Matt 6:11). This warning is more about priorities and loyalty. How have you seen money become a temptation that hinders us from wholeheartedly serving his kingdom?
- The call of this passage is to choose our loyalty. There is no middle ground between these two masters. How does this passage equip us to love God and love others?