# **MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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Senior Pastor Marty Grubbs continued in the Sermon on the Mount series focusing on what we treasure. In his most famous sermon, Jesus touched on many topics, including the difference between earthly and heavenly treasures. As Marty explained, Jesus tells us:

- What we typically treasure is temporary
- We need to think long term
- What we treasure has our affection and focus.

When you love someone, you treasure what they treasure. If you love Jesus, you will treasure what he treasures.

"When Jesus becomes the treasure, we get generous eyes." Tim Keller

"You have to look at what Jesus did. When Jesus treasured you, he treasured you sacrificially. If I want to respond to Jesus, that means I must not simply live out the cross of Jesus Christ in my relationships; I've also got to live out the cross of Jesus Christ economically." – Tim Keller

## SCRIPTURE

#### **MATTHEW 6:19-21 NLT**

19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."

#### **LUKE 6:38 NLT**

Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."

#### MATTHEW 23:23 NLT

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things."



## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What stood out from Marty's message?
- 2. Read Matthew 6:19-24. What does Jesus say about treasure?
- 3. What treasures, or possessions, is Jesus saying can be destroyed? What about those that can't be destroyed?
- 4. Read Luke 6:38. What exchange does Jesus describe about your giving?
- 5. Where have you seen this truth in your life?
- 6. Read Matthew 23:23. What does Jesus say about tithing?
- 7. Personal question for contemplation between you and the Lord What has your attitude previously been about tithing? What does your generosity, or lack of it, reveal about what you treasure?
- 8. How can we pray for you?

### PRAYER

Ask God to help you know if what you're treasuring is worth treasuring. Ask God for a generous heart for all that he treasures, and for your motivation to be out of devotion to Jesus.