



Kingdom Culture

sermon on the mount series

Sept 17th and 23rd

PERSONAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

MATTHEW 6:19-24

As this is a 2-part series on this passage. Discuss/or reflect on half the questions this week, and half next week.

1. Treasures in Heaven vs. Earthly Treasures: In verses 19-21, Jesus talks about storing up treasures in heaven rather than on earth. What do you think Jesus meant by "treasures in heaven"? How do these treasures differ from the earthly treasures we often pursue? Can you provide examples of both?
2. What might Jesus mean in Luke 12:15?
3. Discuss "Money is a great servant and a lousy master".
4. Read one Timothy chapter 6 verses 17 to 19. This is a marvellous explanation of our passage today from Matthew. What three main takeaways strike you from this reference?
5. According to this passage, the idea of serving two masters is highlighted, with examples of serving God and serving wealth. How do you interpret the concept of serving two masters in a modern context? Can you think of any examples where this struggle might be evident?
6. The Unchanging Nature of Heavenly Treasures: According to verse 20, heavenly treasures are not subject to decay or theft. What does this tell us about the permanence and reliability of spiritual investments compared to material wealth? How can this perspective influence the way we make choices about our time, resources, and energy?

7. How would you explain the metaphor of "the eye" to a ten-year-old?
8. When Jesus talks about the "eye" being the lamp of the body. What do you think this metaphorical imagery implies about our perception and the way we view the world
9. The passage contrasts the beauty and fragility of nature with human anxieties about material provision. How can observing nature's cycles and patterns "consider the birds of the air and the flowers of the field" Matt 6:26-27, help us reframe our worries and concerns about the future, as advised by Jesus?
10. The assurance of God's care for His creation provides a foundation for letting go of anxiety. What are some strategies individuals can use to develop greater trust and reliance on this teaching?
11. Application of the Teachings: Take a moment to reflect on your own life. How can you practically apply the principles from this passage in your daily decision-making? What changes might you need to make in how you prioritize your time, resources, and commitments to align more closely with Jesus' teachings?