

MONEYOLOGY



For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

**Group
Discussion
Guide**

Week 3

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four components to a healthy group: Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out. In this guide, you will study Matthew 6:19-24 using inductive Bible study, which has three components: observation, interpretation, and application. As the group leader, feel free to use whatever parts of this guide most help you do this!

CONNECT

Take sometime to break the ice and choose one of the questions below.

- Everybody has something they find really easy to spend money on. What's yours?
- From when you were younger to now, what's one major change you've seen in the way you think about money?
- Discipleship check-in:
 - Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
 - Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?

INTRODUCTION

Jesus talked about money... a lot. A bunch of his parables have to do with wealth, and he spends a good portion of the Sermon on the Mount talking about wealth and generosity. This means that in order to seek God's kingdom (which is what Jesus told us to do "first" in Matthew 6:33), we need to take his words about wealth to heart.

OBSERVATIONS & INTREPRETATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:19-24

DISCUSS

- Jesus talks about two places to “lay up” treasure—on earth or in heaven. What reasons does he give for not laying up treasure on earth? What does laying up treasure in heaven look like practically?
- Jesus makes a connection between our heart and money, as well as between our eyes and money. What we occupy our eyes with influences where we lay up our treasure. Describe some different “light” and “dark” focuses you can think of.

APPLICATION

DISCUSS

- Verse 24 is the kicker. If we lay up treasure in the wrong place, that treasure will become our master. It will control us, determine our decisions, and hold sway over our actions. In what areas of your life have you experienced money trying to control you?
- Jesus's antidote to the problem is clear. Our hearts, our eyes, and our hands are to be his. Given your answer to the question above, how does the gospel help you in that challenging area?
- Are there changes you sense God calling you to make with your heart (affections), eyes (focus), or hands (service) in order to seek first his kingdom? What are they?

PRAYER

Pray for the revelation of the servanthood of Christ.

Pray for an impact on our hearts, eyes, and hands that helps us seek first God's kingdom.



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