

Words of the King: Matthew 6:19-34  
Discussion Guide, December 13, 2020  
Next week's text: Matthew 7:1-12

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' -Matthew 6:9-13

- How were you more intentional in your prayer life this past week?

**OPEN:**

- In our society, how is success generally measured?
  - o Is this consistent with Kingdom success?

**READ and ASK: Matthew 6:19-34**

- Where did Jesus urge His followers to store up and not store up treasure?
  - o How do we store up treasure in heaven?
  - o How is a heavenly investment a better investment?
- What do our treasures reveal about our ambitions?
  - o How does materialism take your ambition away from pursuing first the Kingdom of God?
- What does Jesus say about serving two masters?
  - o How is this true?
- How is 6:19-24 connected to 25-34?
- What three worries did Jesus discourage among his follower? Why?
- What creatures did Jesus use to illustrate God's reliability as a provider? Why?
  - o How should that bring us comfort?
- What is the difference between planning for the future and worrying about the future?

**APPLY:**

- If Jesus was to analyze your life, what would he find your treasure to be?
  - o Considering decisions you have made over the past weeks and months, is your “bank” on earth or in heaven? Why?
- How have/do you struggle with money/possessions mastering you?
  - o How do you need to master your money/possessions?
- How clear is your spiritual vision right now?
- What causes you the most worry? What is God saying to you through this passage about handling your particular worry?
- In light of this passage, what would be some good principles on food and clothing for us to follow?
- As Kingdom citizen’s, what should be our greatest ambition in life?
- NEXT STEP: What adjustments do you need to make in your life to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness?”

Memory Work:

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. – Matthew 6:19-21