

6. Treasure (II)

“All the beautiful things of earth are meant to point you to the God who alone can satisfy your heart.”

OPENING DISCUSSION:

Consider and discuss the following BEFORE watching Session 6:

1. Think about this statement: “If only I had _____, my life would be better.” Or, “If only I didn’t have to deal with _____, then my life would be better”. How would you fill in the blank?

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Matthew 6:19-33

¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. ²⁵ Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

KEY IDEAS:

1. Earth-bound treasures have no capacity to satisfy your heart.
2. In your pursuit of impermanent earth-bound treasures, you risk neglecting your marriage.
3. “Need” is one of the most overused words in human culture, if need means *essential for life*.
4. Wives don’t *need* husbands who love them and husbands don’t *need* wives who respect them (watch the entire session before making a conclusion about this statement!)
5. Christians shouldn’t use theological terms they don’t understand - spiritual platitudes deny reality and are rarely helpful.

**EARTH-BOUND
TREASURES**

**ANXIETY-BOUND
NEEDS**

**What does it look like
to seek God's kingdom
in your marriage?**

REVIEW:

1. What is the primary reason marriages fail?
2. Why are earth-bound treasures potentially dangerous?
3. What are the three things that happen when you name something as a need?

DISCUSSION:

1. What are some earth-bound treasures that you pursue in everyday life?
2. Share any experiences you have had with these treasures and how, even though pleasurable and created by God for his glory, ultimately didn't satisfy your heart.

APPLYING WHAT YOU LEARNED:

ASSIGNMENT #6 - Define The Kingdom of God

For the **Opening Discussion** of Session 7, be prepared to do two things: first, share your definition of the kingdom of God, and second, explain (with specific examples when necessary) how you can seek the Kingdom of God in your marriage.

Don't get "*intensely academic*" with your definitions. In other words, keep your answers short, simple, and applied to everyday life. They should come out of your own struggles and experiences, not out of a doctrinal statement or theological textbook.

1) What is the Kingdom of God?

2) How can you seek the Kingdom of God in your marriage?

Supplemental Reading:

WDYE Chapter 15
1 Timothy 6:6-19



END OF SESSION

PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Where have I been pursuing earth-bound treasures
and neglecting my spouse?

What am I telling myself that I *need* in life, when it's
simply just a desire?

If I don't receive something that I named as a *need*,
do I get angry with God?