

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 11-21-2021

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Which of your possessions are your most treasured? Would you separate with them for the right amount of money?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Luke 10 - "Uncluttered - Heart"

Digging Deeper: Matthew 6:19-34

1. Read aloud Matthew 6:19-34. Focus on vs 19-21. What is Jesus communicating about the relationship between our treasures and our heart?
2. What does He say about the care of your heart? What kind of treasure would you think is stored up in heaven?
3. Vs 22-23. How important is your eye to your life and the health of your heart? What ways can you keep your eyes healthy by what you treasure? Consider verses 20 and 24.
4. Vs. 24 Think of a time when you found a struggle between the two masters - money or God. How does it make you feel that Jesus knows this struggle? What options for serving money or God did Jesus present? Look closely.
5. How has money been a joy in your relationship with God? A struggle?
6. An Uncluttered Heart is our focus from Sunday. Do you have any need to review the treasures, eyes, or masters you have invested in or served in order to respond to Jesus' direction? Are there any changes you need to make now? What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you about this subject?

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?