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Sermon: A New Way Part 3: Treasures

Main text: Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 6:22-25

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does this story tell me about God?

2. What does this story tell me about people (or about myself)?

3. If this is God's word for my life, how will I obey it?

4. Who am I, going to tell?

Key points, and quotes to reflect on and discuss from Ryans message:

Two Topics/ 4 Illustrations:

Stuff & People

Money & Relationships

1). Where and what are you storing up?

2). How are your eyes?

3). Who or what is in control?

“These Metaphors, all of them are about our relationship with stuff. Not just money but stuff. It’s about our relationship where is our treasure.”

“These texts, these analogies are not about money being good or bad. Its about our relationship with it. The role it plays in our lives and the expectations that we have or the hopes we have about what stuff will bring to pass.”

“What Jesus is getting at is our motivation of our heart.”

What role does Security... Comfort... & Pleasure play in your life?

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Ongaupós (thesauros) treasure (noun)- anything laid up in store; hence, treasure, wealth.

Ryan explains there are many **Eaters** in our lives. In other words, things that “eat up” our lives.

“The eyes is the widow to the heart.”

“The lamp of one’s life is one’s goal.”

Who is your Master? (That which you hold on to most and desire most that will be your master).

“Surplus can do crazy things and bring false security.”

Our calling is to follow Jesus in our context rather than to retrieve and re-create his context in our world. What he says about possessions in our text is of direct value in ours; he is not asking us to replicate first-century Galilee but to live out his kingdom vision in our world. Scot McKnight Sermon on the Mount (The Story of God Bible Commentary).

Jesus is redefining our need for security. Not denying our need for security.

Human Security...

Often based on:

Control
Money
Plans
Power

Human Security often tied to possession and pursuit. Easily shaken by circumstance beyond our control.

Kingdom Security...

Trust in God’s provision, presence, providence.

Kingdom Security tied to God’s Character and promises. Grounded in something that is eternal and unshakable.

Jesus invites people into radical Trust. Seek First the kingdom. Matt. 6:33.

When is comfort Good?

Comfort is a problem when it blurs our eyes.

The issue is not having pleasures it is when it controls us.

I am I giving myself over to these...

Where am I looking for my security comfort and pleasure?

Is my pursuit leading me to God or from him.

Can I loosen my grip of control.

Jesus' message can be reduced to these ideas:

Live simply.

Possessions are mysteriously

idolatrous. Trust God.

Scot McKnight

Sermon on the Mount (The Story of God Bible Comment).

