

Conversation Starters

- How was your past week?
- Did anything inspiring happen, or did you have any significant accomplishments?

Discuss

Jesus challenged us to examine where we are giving ourselves and all of our resources – time, money, etc. – while here on earth. He first directed us to examine our hearts. Our heart will tell us who we actually are, what we are passionate about and what motivates us.

“Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” (Matthew 6:21 NLT)

- Where do you invest most of your resources, time, etc.? (Think about a normal week.)
- What drives or motivates you?
- Does God get your best, or your leftovers?
- Where do you want your heart to be?

Next, he asked us to examine our vision. Sometimes we go through our day doing one thing after another without any thought given to anything beyond what is in front of us, and most importantly, the work that God is doing and desires for us to do. Helen Keller, in response to a question about what’s worse than being blind, said, “To have sight without vision.”

“Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!” (Matthew 6:22-23 NLT)

- Do you have your sights set on God or live for what He is doing in the world?
- Do you look at challenges and your approach for the day through the lens of God’s desires?
- Does anything distract your vision?

Finally, Jesus reminded us to examine who (or what) our leader is. We are all being led by something or someone as we live our lives. Often times, it is money that competes with following God, and they both give different orders and have different value systems that make it impossible to follow both – you must choose one or the other.

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.” (Matthew 6:24 NLT)

- Who or what do you allow to lead your life?
- How do you approach decision making?
- Are you going to obey God, or not?

Next Steps

Jesus told us that investing in Heaven is worth much more than investing in the world. We can't take anything with us when we die, but we can send it ahead. Most of us desire to live beyond what is right in front of us, but what are you doing to make it true of who you are? Take time to honestly evaluate and answer these questions this week:

- Where is your heart?
- What is your vision?
- Who is your leader?

Money God's Way

Date: November 4, 2018

Time: 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Location: Mountain Island Lake Campus, 13440 Lucia Riverbend Highway, Mount Holly, NC 28120

Register: <https://mecklenburg.org/event/1067021-2018-11-04-money-gods-way-mountain-island-lake/>

Foundations 101

Date: November 11, 2018

Time: 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

Location: Lake Norman Campus, Mooresville YMCA, 170 Joe Knox Avenue, Mooresville, NC US 28117

Register: <https://mecklenburg.org/event/1199415-2018-11-11-foundations-101-lkn/>

Made for More

Date: November 19, 2018

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Location: North Charlotte Campus, 8335 Browne Road, Charlotte, NC 28269

Register: <https://mecklenburg.org/event/860442-2018-11-19-made-for-more/>

Further Reflection

See Matthew 6:19-24; Luke 12:16-21

Further Reading

The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

Pray

God, thank you for the ways that you continue to challenge us with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. It is so easy for us to lose sight of eternity and get caught up in all of our busyness. Thank you for challenging us to much more and for the reminder that we can be investing in eternity right now. Help us to examine our lives and see how we can make changes to be investing right now with our lives.