

## Week 5: Pursuit of the Heart

Read Matthew 6:19-24.

<b>Our Intentions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In verse 24, what are the two masters Jesus is talking about?</li><li>• The greek word for “money” means possessions or wealth. What does it means to serve money as a master?</li><li>• What are treasures that we store up on earth?</li><li>• Why do you store on earth?</li></ul>
<b>God’s Idea</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does God want us to pursue? (Ultimately, God wants to pursue him).</li><li>• When it says in verse 21, “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” what does that mean?</li><li>• Read verse 22-23 again. When it says that the eye is the lamp of the body, it means that what you fix your eyes on impacts what is going on in your heart and mind. How can you look at something in the room and not think about it? In the same way, if you are fixing your eyes the Lord, your mind will be centered him.</li></ul>
<b>Social Media’s Influence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What do we fix our eyes on in our social media? What are you looking for?</li><li>• Does it influence the way you think about your possessions?</li><li>• How does your social media usage impact the rest of your time or day?</li></ul>
<b>Kingdom Intersection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• While Jesus is in complete pursuit of our hearts, he also desires our pursuit of His heart. Read Psalm 51:16-17. What does God desire from us?</li><li>• In verse 20, Jesus says to store up treasures in heaven. We often think that God wants our good deeds as the treasures in heaven, but if our hearts aren’t surrendered to him then our good deeds are like filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6).</li><li>• So how do we bring our hearts to him? Let’s read Hebrews 12:1-3. How do we change our gaze from the things of the world to Jesus himself?</li></ul>
<b>Implications for Us</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read Romans 12:2. What does this mean?</li><li>• How do we renew our minds? (2 Corinthians 10:5, remind ourselves of the good news of Jesus, worship, surrounding ourselves in community)</li><li>• We get to know God’s will by knowing him. So what does it mean to really know him?</li><li>• <i>We actually serve God by knowing him. When you know him, you know how to serve others and you know how pray... everything comes out of first knowing him and his heart. By fixing your eyes on him we get to know him and experience the treasure of heaven.</i></li></ul>

**Heart of the Matter:** *By fixing your eyes on Jesus, we get to know him and experience the treasure of heaven. We pursue what is important to us, so we must decide if we value the treasures of God’s kingdom or our own.*