

# The Generous Heart

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### DISCUSSION GOAL

*To understand what Gospel work looks like and how to continually and generously invest in it.*

### ICE BREAKER

What's something you've invested in that turned out to be profitable? It doesn't have to be a financial investment. Consider something or someone you put a lot of time into.

### TEXT

*Have a member of your group read the passage aloud.*

#### Matthew 6:19-24

<sup>19</sup> "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>22</sup> "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup> 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!

<sup>24</sup> "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.

### MESSAGE OUTLINE

*This is what our pastoral team observed about the passage.*

**Big Idea:** Gospel work is our great investment.

**Key Question:** Why should I generously invest in gospel work?

1. It is eternally secure. (vv. 19-20)
2. It directs your heart. (v. 21)
3. It clarifies your perspective. (vv. 22-23)
4. It reveals who you serve. (v. 24)

## DISCUSSION

- In verses 19-20 Jesus urges his listeners to store up treasures in heaven. What does this mean to you and what are some practical ways you can store-up treasures in heaven rather than on earth? Think through the lens of Worship, Community, and Mission.
- Re-read verse 21. If someone were to look at how you spend your time, talent, and money, what would it say about your heart, or priorities in life? What priorities need to change in your life to align with the work of the Gospel?
- What we focus on either fills us with light or floods us with darkness (v.22-23). How have you seen the things you spend your time on affect your heart? What were your eyes focused on this week? Brainstorm some ways you can fill your eyes with “light” this next week.
- At the end of this teaching, Jesus makes the statement, “no one can serve two masters” (v.24). While he is referring to money in this teaching, what other things compete for our allegiance? What does it look like to try and serve two masters?
- In this teaching Jesus calls us to invest in what matters, the work of the Gospel. What practices or mindsets help you keep God at the center of your life? How does keeping God at the center of your life overflow into Gospel work?

## LIFE APPLICATION

In this week’s passage, Jesus makes a series of bold statements regarding how we should be investing in this life. How are you investing your time, talent, and treasure? As a Life Group discuss ways in which you can hold each other accountable to invest in the work of the Gospel.

*Jot your ideas below and send a picture to your group to remind everyone of your action steps this week.*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



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