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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

The Treasure Principle Week 1

ICE-BREAKER:

What are some of the falsehoods you have heard or believed about worldly wealth?

DISCUSS:

Do you see possession as something that belong to you or something that belongs to God?

What is the difference between viewing ourselves as the owner rather than the manager or steward of our wealth and material possessions?

READ: *“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*
- **Matthew 6:19-21 (NASB)**

What do you think Jesus meant when He told us not to store up treasures on earth?

READ: *“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”*
- **Matthew 13:44 (NIV)**

Imagine valuing God’s Kingdom the way this traveler did. What would your life be like?

APPLY:

What would it take (decisions and/or changes in attitude) to enable you to experience the joy described in Matthew 13:44?

What are some specific ways we can make an investment in eternity today?