

Our Hearts and Our Treasures March 20, 2022

Reflect + Discuss

- Growing up, how did (or didn't) your family talk about money?
- Read Matthew 6:19-34 and answer any/all of the following:
 - O What stands out to you? What questions do you have?
 - Are there parts of this passage that you find particularly encouraging or challenging? Share more about this.
- Pastor Ben said that your heart and your money are traveling buddies. Share about a situation where your heart led and your money followed, or when your money led and your heart followed.
- Thinking through your regular spending habits/budget, what is one way your spending accurately reflects what you value? What is one way your spending does not reflect what you value?
- Revisiting Matthew 6:25-34, what are some ways you can shift your focus away from material items/concerns and towards God's kingdom and righteousness?

Dig Deeper

The following could be completed as a group or individual exercise. Take time to reflect on what you value, and then share/journal your reflections. Some questions that might help:

- What gets you excited?
- What do you daydream about? When you have a free moment, what makes your heart SING to think about?

Now, reflect on and share/journal what you want to continue to value or what you want to value in addition to or instead of what you value now.

Pray

- Share with God what you value and what you want to value. Pray for discernment about where your treasure and heart are now, and what changes you might make in order to further His kingdom.

Next Steps

- Make one small, kingdom-generosity choice this week. Here are some ideas:

- Research a place outside of Blackhawk where you could give on a monthly basis.
 If you are interested in learning more about organizations that Blackhawk partners with, <u>click here</u>.
- Make a donation towards an immediate need. For example, if you want to contribute towards crisis response efforts in Ukraine, <u>click here</u> for some recommended organizations to look into.
- o If you want to learn how to manage your money in healthier ways, FreedUp offers resources to help guide and equip you through Biblical wisdom. Click here to learn more or register.