

Discussion Guide
“The Savior Enigma: Wk3 Treasure Hunt”
March 12, 2023

 Big Idea

Jesus shows us what has lasting value and wants to set us free to enable us to care for others.

 Icebreaker

This week’s sermon was about uncovering what is truly treasure within the Kingdom of God. To find a treasure, a map helps! Share a story of when you got lost (i.e. a trip or in the woods) & the emotions that went along with that. What helped you resolve the situation?

 Discussion Questions

1. Read Luke 12:13-34. Focusing on verses 13-15, what do we see that some people wanted (& still want today) Jesus to do for them? Based on Jesus’ response here, is that his purpose and what he primarily desires to do for us? How clear is he about this? Per these verses, what is at the root of this common desire of man & why is that a bad thing overall for us & all? Do you, or have you, ever suffered from this ill-directed desire of God/Jesus? What could, or has, helped you to combat it?
2. Re-read Luke 12:16-19. In these verses, what do we see that the rich man considers to be the treasure & how does he plan to realize; secure it? What does this direction reveal about the man’s character in comparison to God’s character? Who, besides God, is the rich man seeming to forget by hoarding this all for himself? What else besides greed will be produced in this man by following his plan?
3. Continuing to think about, and moving to application, regarding question 2: how does the rich man’s plan sound like us (people in general and/or personally)? What are indications of this in our context and/or personal lives. Is it bad or evil to save/is God against that? If not, what is real issue here and where does the scale (if you will) tip?
4. Re-read Luke 12:20-30. List some things that Jesus ultimately communicates to us about God our Father through this ending of the parable & his teaching that followed? What area(s) of your life do you need to remember, place your trust in, and apply these timeless truths to? What are some things you could do to ensure that happens? What are healthy ways to help yourself as you trust in Him?
5. Re-read Luke 12:31-34. What is the issue we are discussing through this sermon ultimately about (the condition of what?); Who, or what, is the true & proper treasure that we are all looking for? What are some pathways, or directions, on the map to find & keep finding this true & proper treasure? How committed to them are you; and thus to Him? What is something the Holy Spirit is calling you to do in response to this sermon/lesson?

 Concluding Question

Read Deuteronomy 8:10-20. This was a specific word spoken to God’s people of the Old Testament, Israel/the Jews. But do you believe there is a timeless principle seen here? What is it? What do you need to do in response to it?

 Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

 Prayer

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for how God provides and place your trust in Him to continue providing.