

Sermon Discussion Guide
Summer on the Mount – Week 5
The Battle for your Heart
August 8, 2021



Big Idea

The battle for your heart is raging on, and you must decide if you're going to store up heavenly treasure, keep your eyes full of light, and choose God over money.



Icebreaker

What rivalries are you a little too passionate about (Bills vs. Patriots, Apple vs Android, pulp vs. no pulp, etc.)?



Discussion Questions

1. We learned in the sermon that there is a battle over our hearts. What fights for your attention? Does viewing it as a battle give you better perspective?
2. Read **Matthew 6:19-21**. If our hearts reflect what we treasure, what does your heart look like?
3. Does Jesus not want us to make earthly investments? What does heavenly treasure look like, and how do we store it up in this life?
4. Read **Matthew 6:22-23**. How does the concept of light vs. darkness relate to earthly vs. heavenly gain? Who is someone in your life who is filled with the light of God? How do they use their resources?
5. Read **Matthew 6:24** and **1 Timothy 6:9-10**. How does the love of money keep us from loving God? How can we serve God in a culture that serves money?



Concluding Questions

How are the earthly treasures God has blessed you with being utilized for His kingdom? What is one way you can trust God with your resources this week?



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. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Investing in heavenly treasure
- Loving the Giver, not the gifts
- Living in the light
- Focused attention on God