

## Connection Group Discussion Questions

For the week of June 5, 2016

Matthew 6:19-21

*These questions are to be used as a spring board for discussion.*

*Answers may or may not be found in the sermons.*

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

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

### **New Living Translation (NLT)**

<sup>19</sup> *Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.* <sup>20</sup> *Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.* <sup>21</sup> *Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*

### **Connection Questions:**

1. A translations of our scripture could read: Do not treasure for yourself treasures. What does Jesus mean? Should we not bother with a savings account? Should we not invest in Wall Street?
  
2. What is a difference between what we store up on earth and what we store up in heaven?

3. In Jesus' day, banks did not exist, so people saved their wealth in three ways. What are these three ways according to our scripture?
  
4. With each of these options, what did Jesus say would destroy them?
  
5. Why do we seek to accumulate "treasure on earth"? Can you think of at least four reasons?
  
6. Matthew 6:20 is one of the clearest verses in the Bible supporting eternal rewards. What does Jesus mean by eternal treasures?
  
7. Jesus said what you spend money on or invest money in, you will love. Your heart always follows your money. How do you know what has your heart? What occupies your thoughts when you have nothing else to do? What is it you worry about? What do you measure others by? The answers to these are what you treasure.

8. What is it you know you cannot be happy without?

9. Our scripture indicates our responsibility to be generous. When Jesus refers to someone having a single eye, he means that person is someone who gives to others with open-hearted generosity. What is the difference in giving with expectations versus giving with no expectations?

10. What does it mean to give sacrificially?