



The Sunday Recap is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week. Enjoy!

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:

Matthew 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

QUOTE TO CONSIDER:

“It’s not only evil doing that dulls the mind and makes us incapable of thinking clearly. The cares of this world, settling down in life, enjoying our life and our family, any one of these things, our worldly position or our comforts- these are equally as dangerous as addiction or drunkenness.” - D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What are some regular practices that can help us remember our true life is “Other-Worldly”?
- What things of this world entice me to serve them with my money and resources? Why am I drawn to those? What am I hoping to get from them? How do they make me feel and why do I like that (or need that)?
- What earthly loves do I need to repent of and ask God’s gracious help in leading me to live in an “other worldly” way? Who can I talk to about this?

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- What do you think it means that our life is “with Jesus”?
- How has God blessed us?
- What are we thankful for?
- How can we use our money to love God and love others?

SUGGESTED RESOURCE(S)

- **SHORT BOOK** (only 128 pages!): [The Treasure Principle](#) by Randy Alcorn
Read the first chapter [here](#) or a quick summary of 6 principles [here](#)
- **BOOK:** [Sex and Money](#) by Paul Tripp
- **SERMON:** [Treasure vs. Money](#) (a sermon by Tim Keller)
- **VIDEO:** [The Gospel, Grace, and Giving](#) by Tim Keller

SONGS WE SANG:

[How Can I Keep From Singing](#) by Chris Tomlin

[Come Thou Fount](#) by Page CXVI

[Holy Spirit](#) by Jesus Culture

[In Christ Alone](#) by Getty and Townend

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Call to Worship

L: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you created heaven and earth, made us in your image, and kept covenant with us – even when we fell into sin. You invite us to the cross even in the midst of our brokenness. In the work of Your Son Jesus You give us life, redeeming and restoring your image in us.

C: We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his life, death, and resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we join our voices with the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

- based on a reading from the Worship Sourcebook

Prayer of Confession

L: Heavenly Father,

It is the discovery of your goodness alone that can banish our fear,
allure us into your presence,
help us to mourn and confess our sins.

**C: When I review my past guilt
and my present unworthiness
I tremble to come to you**

L: We have condemned your goodness,
defied thy power,
trampled upon thy love,
rendered ourselves worthy of eternal death.

**C: But my recovery cannot spring from any cause in me,
I can destroy but cannot save myself.**

L: Yet you have given us One that is mighty, for there is mercy with You,
and exceeding riches in your kindness through Jesus.
May we always feel our need of him.

**C: Let your restored joy be my strength;
May it keep me from lusting after the world,
enliven me in the valley of death,
work in me the image of the heavenly,
and help me enjoy the first fruits of spirituality. Amen.**

- from the Valley of Vision

Passing of the Peace

Friends, In Christ, our fears are met with assurance, our failure is met with victory, death has no grip on us, and we share in the life of Christ.

As a family with shared hope & peace , let's take a minute to greet and welcome one another here today.

Word of Assurance

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies themselves as he is pure.

1 John 3:2-3

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 6:19-24

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

SERMON SUMMARY:

Life in Christ means our treasure is not here (it's "Other-Wordly")

SERMON NOTES

Jesus tells us that our NEW LIFE IN HIM means we receive 4 new things: NEW LOCATION, NEW TREASURE, NEW EYES, and a NEW KING

1) NEW LOCATION

- We are living "otherworldly", not the "what you see is who you are" world, rather our life is located "with Christ in God" as Paul says in **Colossians 3:3 - For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**
- The "Already/Not Yet" describes our current state: We are already "in Christ" but not yet experiencing its full reality
- OUR STUFF AND POSSESSIONS- **They are "Other-worldly"**. It makes sense why Jesus would talk about our stuff as well here, because if we are going to live our true life (which is otherworldly) then we have a different view of our stuff here.
- In Summary
 - Your righteousness is otherworldly, don't spend your time trying to build one here
 - Your treasure is other worldly, don't waste your time building one here

2) NEW TREASURE (v.19-20)

- Our resources here are but a picture of our true resources there - DON'T LET THE SYMBOL BECOME THE REALITY
- Beware of living by a this world treasure- Its visible, but its passing. Other worldly is hidden, but its lasting.
- Laying up treasure in heaven includes many things, but certainly giving our resources towards seeing God's kingdom here and displaying a love for others

These earthly treasures are so powerful that they grip the entire personality. They grip a man's heart, his mind, and his will; they tend to affect his spirit, his soul and his whole being. - D.Martyn Lloyd Jones

3) NEW EYES (v.22-23)

- Beware of living by sight!
 - Beware of living as if your righteousness is what you see
 - Beware of living as if your treasure is what you see
- Jesus says, if you don't see the future world you are blind. If you only see what you see and live by that you are blind and full of darkness.
- Light comes by living by what you can't see. We need eyes to see past the physical to ETERNAL

4) NEW KING (v.24)

- We live in two kingdoms in a sense, but we can only serve one King.
 - Both make a totalitarian demand upon us
- We who have resources and cushioned from many of life's hardships need to heed this message
Matthew 19:23-24
And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."
- It does demand a fight to remember our kingdom and king

Worse than atheistic materialism is a materialism that thinks it is godly - Martyn Lloyd-Jones

- a) Money/Stuff quickly becomes an idol:
 - It pushes out a love & desire for God
 - Its needy, it demands a lot of us (Keep it up, Protect it, Grow it)
- b) Money/Stuff quickly becomes our security
 - Clouds our dependence upon Christ
 - It gives us a feeling of security but that security is only a thin veneer

Our Response to this text is one of REPENTANCE and petition for help

- We are a wavering and wandering group, Our hearts are so drawn to things here, We so easily forget our true life, we forget our true love. God help us!

SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.