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INTRODUCTION

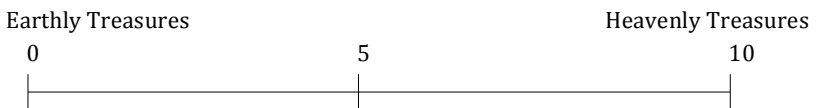
The radical nature of “The Good Life” continues by pursuing that which will last. Whatever is of good and eternal significance comes out of what is done on earth.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the first image that comes to your mind when you hear the word “treasures”? What about “treasures in heaven”?

Read Matthew 6:19-24

2. What contrasts or dichotomies are made in these verses?
3. How do these dichotomies impact your understanding of the correlation between faith and lifestyle? (see Matthew 16:24; 1 John 2:15-17)
4. What shift in emphasis does this text take if focus is placed on “*yourselves*” in verse 19? “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth” (see 1 Timothy 6:17-19).
5. Where your treasures are so also is your heart. On which side of the contrast would you place yourself?



6. What realities often complicate living completely for one or the other?
7. If prioritizing “earthly treasures” is indicative of whom you serve (verse 24), would adjusting some priorities seem worth it? Why or why not?

MOVING FORWARD

Following Jesus requires devotion and commitment. Matthew presents this in the form of several dichotomies that highlight the radical challenge of God’s kingdom. What can you begin doing that will help shift your focus to “heavenly treasures”?