



Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

USE THIS GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE DISCUSSIONS IN COMMUNITY GROUP.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

The Big Idea

When we know who to trust, we'll know what to do.

Message Summary

Right now there is a lot of worry and anxiety over the coronavirus event that is impacting our world, our nation, and our families. While the topics of anxiety are many, most of them can be boiled down to 2 areas: we're worried about our money and our future. Thankfully, Jesus addresses both of them in the Sermon on the Mount when He talks about how trusting God can help us worry less about our treasures and our tomorrows. I guess you could say that Jesus spills the tea (get it - trust, treasure, tomorrow?) on how trusting God can set us free even in crazy times like a worldwide pandemic.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What are your goals and ambitions in life? Which one is your top priority?
- What do you think Jesus means by "treasures in heaven" in verse 20? What makes "treasures in heaven" different from "treasures on earth"?
- How would you explain verse 21 ("For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also") to a friend or coworker?
- List the reasons Jesus gives for not being preoccupied with food and clothing in verses 25-34.
- What do these verses suggest you can do to lower your worry level about material things? Jesus contrasts the ambitions of the world ("the pagans" [v. 32]) with what his disciples should seek after (v. 33). How does Jesus teaching fit with the ambitions you listed for your own life?
- How do you intentionally seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness?
- Spend some time thinking and praying about your goals in life. What would it mean to place them on the altar of the lordship of Christ and let him change them as he desires?