



In the second half of Matthew 6, Jesus challenges us to think about our hearts. What do we really treasure? How do things come to be “in” our hearts and who (or what) is reigning there? Let’s listen carefully...

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

“The \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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. (6:19-24)

When our hearts are twisted and tangled? We can easily be consumed with worry...

“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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_? 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 \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

“Therefore do not be anxious about \_\_\_\_\_, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (6:25-34)

Jesus has challenged us and given us a lot to think about, hasn’t he? Let’s dig in...



# For Class & Family Discussion:

1. What might it look like or sound like to “lay up” treasures “on earth” today and have my “heart” in the wrong place? Luke 12:13-21 might be helpful here...
2. On the flip side, what might it look like or sound like to “lay up” treasures “in heaven” today and have my “heart” in the right place? How does a disciple even go about laying up treasures “in heaven”?
3. In Matthew 6:22-23, Jesus described “the eye” as “the lamp of the body.” What did he mean by that? How does a “healthy” eye lead to a body “full of light” or a “bad” eye lead to a body “full of darkness”?
4. Taking another look at Matthew 6:24, how would you rephrase or summarize what Jesus is saying in your own words? Can we make that personal for ourselves? “This week, I cannot serve God and \_\_\_\_\_.” What would be appropriate and helpful to put in that blank?
5. The first word of 6:25 is “Therefore.” Why? How does what Jesus has just taught us in 6:19-24 provide a foundation for 6:25-34 and what Jesus teaches about worry?
6. Let’s do our best to make Matthew 6:33 as simple and straightforward as possible. How would you rephrase what Jesus is saying in your own words? How will practicing 6:33 put the stuff of this world in perspective and help us not be anxious about our lives?