



Firm Foundations

Following the way of Jesus

Treasures in Heaven

Date: Sunday 1st August

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Key Verses: Matthew 6:19-24

Talk Summary:

- We are created to be “treasurers”, to invest in and care for something outside ourselves.
- “Treasure on earth” can be material possessions, or may be more subtle e.g. our reputation at work, our financial security.
- We often give our hearts to these things because they help us to feel secure in an insecure world. Letting go of them challenges our fears.
- Jesus points out that treasure on earth will never last, and is likely to draw our hearts away from him.
- Jesus invites us to treasure him, by investing in our relationship with him. Practical ways of doing this might include prayer, reading the Bible, meditating on Scripture or worship.
- He also invites us to invest right now in building his new kingdom, by learning to treasure his creation (the world and other people).

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? (*Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it*)

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- What's your "treasure on earth"? Why do you think it has such a hold on you?
- Is there a practical next step you could take to let go of some of this earthly treasure?
- How is Jesus inviting you to treasure him and invest in his kingdom?

Witness

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invite to?