

FAITH & MONEY: Treasure

As preached on Sunday, January 5th

Read: Matthew 6:19-24

1. Does it surprise you to learn that Jesus taught more about money than salvation, heaven, and hell combined? Since that's the case, why don't we talk about money more often in church?
2. In v.19 Jesus speaks of "treasures". What do you think he means by this? What are some of your treasures here on earth? (Come on, be honest!)
3. What do you think it means to "store up" treasures on earth? Is there risk involved in doing so? If so, what are the risks?
4. In v.20 Jesus tells us that we should store up treasures in heaven. How exactly do we go about doing so? (see Matthew 19:21 but remember, we'll cover this more later in the series)
5. What does Jesus mean in v.21 when he says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also"?
6. This section closes in v.24 with Jesus declaring that we simply cannot serve both God and money (mammon). Why is this? What are some ways Christians sometimes attempt to do so?
7. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being "dreading it!" and 10 being "extremely excited!"), how are you feeling about taking the next 8 weeks to talk about the relationship between money and following Jesus? Why?