



Discussion
Gu'ide

“OWNER”

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The Point:

GOD IS THE OWNER; *Our Job is to Manage*

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

*****Watch *The Treasure Principle Video* Session 1: The Treasure of Giving, before continuing with the following questions based on that video.*****

The [Video] Review

- The session opened with an illustration. What stood out to you in the opening illustration? What did it make you feel? Would you respond the same way as the weary traveler? Why or why not?
- In everyday life, we call the idea of giving up present pleasure for future satisfaction “delayed gratification.” Where do you see the idea of delayed gratification played out in your life?

The Reflection

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the video

- **Read Matthew 6:19–21.** What has Jesus' statement meant in your personal life? How have you applied the warning to store up treasure in heaven? What does that look like?
- If God genuinely wants you to store up treasures, how does that change the way you look at your pursuit of satisfaction? Is God against you, or for you? Why? What obstacles stand in your way when it comes to relocating your treasure to heaven?
- **Read Matthew 19:16–30.** How would you describe the faith of the rich young ruler? What did he want? How did he go after his desire? Why didn't Jesus condemn him for following the law rather than relying on faith?
- Have you experienced the struggle to surrender your finances to Jesus? What did you do?
- Jesus' disciples were confused when the young man left dejected. So they exclaimed, "If the rich will struggle to get to eternity, what chance do we have?" How did Jesus respond to the disciples' inquiry? Does Jesus' answer give you hope? Why or why not?
- **Read Mark 12:41–44.** According to Jesus, what sets apart the widow's offering in this passage from the lavish gifts of the religious leaders? Why?
- What does the story of the widow's offering tell us about God's view of *sacrificial* giving?
- Regardless if you're like the rich young man or the widow, what do you stand to lose if you relocate your treasure to heaven? What do you stand to gain?
- **Pray:** Ask God to uncover the motives behind the way you use your money. and to direct your desires and treasures toward eternity.

The References

Main Passage: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14 (NLT) *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV)

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 19:16-30 *too long to print, read passage in Bible

Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”