



Small Group Guide: Greatest Treasure (1 John 2:12-17)

Small Group Guide: The Treasures of This World vs. The Treasures of Christ

Opening Prayer

Key Scripture: 1 John 2:12-17

Discussion Questions:

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?
2. The pastor mentioned three categories John warns against: desires of the flesh, desires of the eyes, and pride of life. Which of these do you find most challenging in your own life?
3. How does remembering our identity in Christ (forgiven, victorious, knowing the Father) help us resist worldly temptations?
4. The sermon emphasized that good gifts from God can become idols if we treasure them above Him. Can you share an example of when you've seen this happen in your own life or others'?
5. How do you practically distinguish between enjoying God's good gifts and making them ultimate in your life?
6. The pastor said, "Unless it's Jesus, there's something better." How does this perspective challenge or encourage you?

Key Takeaways:

1. Our identity in Christ should fuel our obedience and resistance to worldly temptations.
2. The love of the world and the love of the Father are incompatible.
3. Worldly pleasures and treasures are temporary, but a life lived for God has eternal significance.

4. We often mistake pleasure for joy, possessions for contentment, and achievement for significance.

Practical Applications:

1. This week, take time to reflect on what you truly treasure. Are there any areas where worldly desires have taken precedence over your relationship with God?
2. Practice gratitude for God's good gifts without making them ultimate. Each day, thank God for something you enjoy, but also express gratitude for His presence and love.
3. Identify one area where you tend to seek validation or satisfaction from the world. Commit to redirecting that desire towards God through prayer and Scripture meditation.
4. As a group, brainstorm ways to remind each other of our identity in Christ and the eternal perspective when facing worldly temptations.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, help us to set our hearts on things above, not on earthly things. May we find our ultimate satisfaction, joy, and significance in You alone. Give us the strength to resist worldly temptations and to treasure You above all else. In Jesus' name, Amen.