

Small Group/Sermon Notes for The Greatest Sermon Ever: Part 5

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Part 5: If Your Eyes Are Good**
- We are going to cover various topics in the last half of Matthew 6.
 - As we go, we will bring up **Matthew 6:22-23** periodically.
 - This is the battle isn't it? To see with the right eyes?
 - How do you see church? Faith? Those who disagree with you? Relationships? Opportunities? Family? Etc.
 - Simple version of **Romans 12:2**.
- How should we see treasure? **Matthew 6:19-20**
 - How many people have run into trouble because of how they see money, and how money competes with God in their hearts?
 - God wants you to store up good treasure that will not be lost!!
 - Resurrection life is forever! Don't get bored with that or forget it!!
 - The treasures of this life will come and go. You can be sure of that.
 - If you trust in your wealth, health, abilities, looks, popularity, power, accomplishments, etc, then understand that those things will eventually fade away or let you down!
 - Does that mean you should ignore your health? NO!
 - All of those things are beneficial unless they take God's place or are used for evil.
 - Are there times in your life where something has taken God's place?
 - Money doesn't buy happiness, but poverty doesn't either!
- Money can compete with God for our hearts. **Matthew 6:21, Matthew 6:24**
 - This is not a call to poverty, but a call to turn our hearts toward heaven. (eyes)
 - If your heart is for money the topic of tithing will really irritate you!
 - Do you have to have money to love/serve money?
 - Where your treasure is shows where your heart is. What do you dream that you could have?
 - Jesus said we cannot serve two masters. So, let's quit trying! (eyes)
 - Serve God and other blessings flow. (More on that later, Matthew 6:33.)
 - Money makes a horrible master but a great servant, as with those other things.
- Jesus transitions now to worry. **Matthew 6:25-34**
 - What uses up your mental energy? This is all about how you see the world.
 - Ditches?
 - This is not a call to irresponsibility, but a call to peace of mind. (eyes)
 - If we trust in God what do we have to worry about? (eyes)
 - Now, exercise, eat right, manage your finances, relationships etc well.
 - Live the moment. Enjoy the day. I hope you life goes great!
 - But, this life is fragile. Treasures in heaven are not.
- **Matthew 6:33**
 - This is a good verse to live your life by.
 - This is a good verse to run a church or an organization by.
 - How do we seek first His Kingdom?
 - Give your life to one master.
 - Identify false masters, conquer them and make them servants.
 - Trust God to add to us those other things.
 - Share with others what we have learned. (**John 8:31-32**)
- Pray for each other before you finish up!