



# kingdom CULTURE

## Life Group Discussion Guide Week 7 8/3/25

**Message Summary:** Pastor Pamela Palmer invites us to examine who we truly serve as she delves into the heart of the Sermon on the Mount. Highlighting Jesus' teachings from Matthew, she challenges us to reevaluate our priorities by emphasizing that where our treasure lies, our hearts will follow. This sermon is a clarion call to recognize the seductive power of wealth and the kingdom culture that requires us to make God our ultimate Lord. With practical examples, she illustrates how true treasures in heaven are built through love, grace, and discernment. This is not just a message; it's an invitation to a transformative journey toward becoming Kingdom people. As you reflect on your own priorities, Pastor Pamela passionately urges you to join her in rejecting distractions and embracing the divine calling of living fully in God's kingdom.

**Conversation Starter:** Share if you are a hoarder or a purger!

**Prayer:**

Open our hearts to Your word, Your truth, and Your direction.

**Read the passage together:**

Matthew 6:19-7:12

### 3-Question Study Method

Use this method to discuss the passage

1. What is the passage about?
2. What lesson do I learn?
3. How will I apply this to my life?

## Discussion Questions:

- Read Matthew 6:19-24. What does "storing up treasures in heaven" mean to you personally? How have you stored up treasure in your own life? In what ways do you think societal pressures influence our focus on earthly treasures?
- How do you balance the need to work and provide for yourself and your family with the call to focus on heavenly treasures?
- How do you determine who or what is the "Lord" of your life? What practical steps can you take to ensure that Jesus remains at the center?
- How can being part of a Christian community help you in your journey of transformation and in storing up treasures in heaven?
- Read Matthew 7:1-6. How do you understand the difference between judging others and using discernment? How can we apply this understanding in our daily interactions?
- Why do you think it's easier to notice the faults of others rather than our own? What are some ways you can regularly check for "planks" in your own eye?
- How can we extend love and mercy to others while still standing firm in our beliefs and values?
- What are some cultural pressures that challenge your commitment to living out kingdom values? How do you resist these pressures?
- What is one specific change you feel called to make in your life to better align with the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount?

Closing Prayer: Heavenly Father, Help us to be mindful of the teachings of Jesus, especially those from the Sermon on the Mount, and to live as Kingdom people, reflecting Your love and grace in all we do. Grant us the courage to choose You as the Lord of our lives, to invest in what truly lasts, and to love others as You have loved us. Examine our hearts, Lord, and transform us to be more like Christ each day. We ask for Your wisdom and discernment to navigate the challenges we face, and for the strength to shine Your light in the world around us. May we be instruments of Your peace and love, drawing others closer to You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.