

PT. 6: A BEAUTIFUL FUTURE

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 6:19-21, ¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

HOW OFTEN DO YOU THINK ABOUT HEAVEN?

- “If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought the most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.” (C.S. Lewis)
- A _____ on heaven
leads to _____ on earth.
- Revelation 21:1-5 and 21:18-27

FOCUS ON HEAVEN BECAUSE HEAVEN HOLDS...

- Our _____ . (Matthew 6:9)
- Our _____ . (Hebrews 9:24)
- Our _____ . (Luke 10:20)
- Our _____ . (Philippians 3:20)
- Our glorified _____ . (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)
- Our _____ of faith. (Hebrews 12:22-23)
- Our _____ . (John 14:2-3)
- Our _____ . (1 Peter 1:3-4)
- ...what matters most.

BE FAITHFUL ON EARTH.

- Question: Does heaven hold you _____ ?
- *"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* (v.21)
- Truth: Your heart follows your treasure.
- Key: Use possessions and love people.
Don't love possessions and use people.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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THEME:

The church isn't a place; it's a people with a heavenly future. Our treasure is not on earth but in God's eternal kingdom. Living with this hope shapes how we live and love today.

SCRIPTURES:

Matthew 6:19–21

ICE-BREAKER

1. What's one keepsake or treasure you've held onto for years? Why does it matter to you?
2. Imagine you could fast-forward 100 years and see the eternal impact of your life. What would you hope people would remember about your faith?

REFLECT (Read 1 Peter 2:4–7 together)

3. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21) What does this reveal about the connection between what we value now and our eternal future?
4. Why does Jesus command us to store up treasures in heaven instead of earth? How does this shift our priorities? (Matt. 6:19–20; Col. 3:1–2)
5. How does remembering that the church is a people with an eternal destiny (not just an earthly institution) encourage you in seasons of struggle or loss? (Philippians 3:20–21; Revelation 21:3–4)

6. Jesus promises that heaven is secure because He Himself prepares it. How does His promise of a "beautiful future" shape the way you face today's challenges? (John 14:2–3; 1 Peter 1:3–4)

TAKE ACTION

7. What "earthly treasure" are you most tempted to cling to, and how can you loosen your grip to invest more in what is eternal? (Matthew 6:19–21; 1 Timothy 6:17–19)
8. How can setting your mind on heaven transform the way you approach everyday things like work, family, finances, or friendships? (Colossians 3:1–2; Hebrews 10:34)
9. When life gets difficult, how can the hope of eternity give you strength to endure? Share an example from your own life or from someone you admire. (Romans 8:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18)
10. How might your group or church better reflect the reality of heaven here and now? What would people notice if your community lived with eternity in view? (Revelation 21:1–5; Matthew 5:14–16)

CLOSING CHALLENGES

- **Practice:** Each morning this week, read Matthew 6:21 and pray, "Lord, set my heart on heaven today."
- **Prayer:** Pray for a greater longing for eternity, that your group and church would live with hope, generosity, and joy, pointing others toward the beautiful future found in Christ.