



Treasure Hunt

MON 11/1

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:6
- ✓ THOUGHT God satisfies. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." [NIV] When our priority is becoming more like Christ, we will be satisfied. Spend a few moments thinking about this new week. What can you do to prioritize the things of God?
- ✓ PRAYER God, I want to be someone who hungers and thirsts for you. I want to care about the things that matter to you. Renew my mind. Amen.

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TUES 11/2

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:3
- ✓ THOUGHT God comes first. "You shall have no other gods before me." [NIV] The very first of the ten commandments given to the people of Israel is that God would be the only God they serve. Can you identify something that derails you from keeping God your primary focus? Ask God to change your heart.
- ✓ PRAYER God, I want to let go of this thing that preoccupies me and keeps me distracted from the work that you have for me to do. Help me to put nothing ahead of you. Amen.

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WED 11/3

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Matthew 6:31-33
- ✓ THOUGHT God provides. "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." [NLT] What a comfort! When we seek God first, God meets our needs. Let your thoughts be full of faith rather than worry.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, sometimes I get caught in the trap of concerning myself with things rather than with you. Help me recognize the ways you provide and let go of my worries. Amen.

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WEEK TWO

THURS 11/4

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Romans 11:36
- ✓ THOUGHT Everything is for God's glory. "For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen." [NLT] Our talents, time, and every resource at our disposal can be used to point people to God. How can you participate in bringing glory to God today?
- ✓ PRAYER Almighty God, you alone deserve glory and praise. Today, I pray you would show me an opportunity to use who I am and what I have to show your glory. Amen.

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FRI 11/5

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 17:7
- ✓ THOUGHT Trust God! "Happy are those who trust in the LORD, who rely on the Lord." [CEB] We all need someone we can confidently lean on. What a comfort that God is eternal, a rock that is always there for us. Circumstances can make us feel vulnerable, but God can always be trusted.
- ✓ PRAYER God, I know that I can trust you, but sometimes I forget. Forgive me for the ways I look for comfort in material things instead of turning to you; help me to remember to trust in you for guidance and comfort. Amen.

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SAT 11/6

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 27:4
- ✓ THOUGHT Seek God's presence. "I have asked one thing from the LORD —it's all I seek: to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life, seeing the Lord's beauty and constantly adoring his temple." [CEB] God is always with us, but are we always aware? When we seek to spend focused time with God, it changes the way we think about the world. As our world view changes, so will our concerns and priorities.
- ✓ PRAYER Gracious God, thank you for always being with me. Help me to pause and connect with you and allow your transformational love to determine what is important to me. Amen.

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GROUP GUIDE

- ✓ **PRAYER** **God, we acknowledge that you are already here. May our hearts be open to your presence and direction. Amen.**

- ✓ **BIG IDEA** **As we serve God, we must begin to see things with God's value system in mind. Our perspective on the importance of earthly treasure matters!**

- ✓ **READ** **Matthew 6:19-24**

- ✓ **DISCUSS**
 - Share with the group a story about a prized possession you had when you were a child. Why was it so important to you? What eventually happened to it?
 - Read aloud Matthew 6:19-21. The suggestion in this passage is that our possessions are temporal and not as valuable as we might perceive them to be. If you honestly examine the desires of your heart, do you find they are possession-centered? Most of us struggle with that! Discuss practical things you could do that might begin to shift the desires of your heart to more closely align with what God values.
 - “Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when your eye is unhealthy, your whole body is filled with darkness. And if the light you think you have is actually darkness, how deep that darkness is!” [NLT] This passage is placed between two passages that focus on money and possessions. If our viewpoint is skewed, and we see earthly wealth as more important than the things of God, we can be so consumed by it that we don't even recognize that we have gotten off-track. Can you think of a time in your life when this was the case? How did you get back on track?
 - Verse 24 tells us that we cannot be enslaved to money and serve God. Do you think it is possible to be enslaved to money, whether rich or poor? Discuss what it looks like to effectively serve God while balancing our need for material comforts.

- ✓ **Pray** **God, open our eyes to see the world as you do. Help us to value people and relationships more than we value material things. Transform the way we think about money so that serving you is more important to us than anything else. Amen.**

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