

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Rhythms: Generosity

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Message: An Eye Mindset

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Memory Verse: Matthew 6:22 ESV

The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light.

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word to lead to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

**Big Idea:** Practicing generosity moves us from a scarcity mindset to an abundant mindset of God.

## Read Matthew 6:19-24

1. Jesus refers to two types of treasures — temporary and eternal. What are some of the characteristics of each type of treasure? What is the benefit of pursuing eternal treasure?
2. Reflect on a time when you felt divided between pursuing God and pursuing material security. What did you learn from that experience? Why are we as people so prone to trust money rather than God?
3. Jesus contrasts storing treasures on earth with treasures in heaven. How much time and energy (and money) are you currently using toward accumulating and maintaining items that will not last? What earthly “treasures” are you most tempted to pursue, and how might those compete with heavenly treasures in your life?



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4. Why do you think Jesus teaches that we can't pursue both worldly treasure and eternal treasure? Have you ever felt torn between the two? Has the tension between these two pursuits ever made you feel like it is challenging to stay spiritually disciplined or caused your affection for God to wane or your soul to be weary?
5. From the perspective of an outsider (like a neighbor or co-worker), what "master" would they say you are serving? What outward behaviors do people see from you to make that determination? What should we do if our desire for money or possessions is greater than our desire for God?
6. In what ways can you cultivate a deeper longing for heavenly treasure in your everyday choices? What are two practical ways to help shift your focus to eternal things?
7. Jesus uses the metaphor of the eye as the lamp of the body. If the eye reflects what you allow into your soul, how does this challenge you to think differently about your habits and the environment you cultivate? How do your choices in what you watch, read, or focus on impact your spiritual health and outlook on life? How do your relationships and the people you surround yourself with shape what you see and focus on? Do they bring light or darkness into your life?
8. Read Luke 12:33-34, Matthew 19:21 and 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What is Scripture teaching us about what it means to store up a treasure in Heaven? How can generosity be a guardrail that can be used to protect yourself from greed?



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