

GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE
SERMON SERIES: "GIVE IT UP"
SERMON TITLE: "A BETTER KINGDOM"
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SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

"IF YOU TRY TO FIND LASTING SATISFACTION FROM THINGS THAT DON'T LAST, YOU WILL BE UNSATISFIED."

WARM UP QUESTIONS:

- ⌚ What kinds of things do most people in this world build their life with or around?
- ⌚ What kinds of things do most people worry about? Are there any similarities between this list of worries and the list from the first question?
- ⌚ Why do you think that so many people settle for things that will not bring lasting joy and satisfaction?
- ⌚ What are things that people can build their life on that will last eternally?

Dive Into Scripture

** I would encourage the leaders to have the group start by reading (maybe with different people each reading a smaller section of) **Luke 12:13-34**. This will help give great context to the primary section shown below:

Luke 12:31-34 — **31** But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. **32** “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- ⌚ What strikes you most from this reading of scripture?
- ⌚ What does it mean to you personally when Jesus says that the “Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom”?
- ⌚ How does the first part of verse 33 force us to get to the heart of what we treasure most in our hearts?
- ⌚ Are most of the things that people worry about things that are eternal, or of this world? Why so?
- ⌚ Verse 34: Would someone be able to tell what you care most about by seeing where you spend/invest your money? How are these two things (treasure and heart) connected?

TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU:

- ✿ What do you need to do to switch your treasure and investments over to things that are eternal? What is the next step that Jesus is calling you to take in response to today's passage/topic?
- ❖ Close in prayer.

MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID'S LESSON:

- I'd encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids & Bible Project}).
- Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus' help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.
- And feel free to ask any of the kids if they'd like to say a prayer for the group.

► Read Luke 12:34 — “**34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Ask the kiddos questions like:

- What are the things that you care most about?
- What are the things that will last forever, will never go away, and literally can't be destroyed?

- Do you ever worry? What kinds of things do you worry about? Are those things that you worry about eternal things, or temporary/earthly things of this life?
- How can you begin building your life around the eternal things of Jesus kingdom?

Lesson Connected Activity:

- Have the kids draw on a piece of paper a castle/kingdom, and have them try to incorporate the eternal things of Jesus' kingdom like:
 - ◆ Grace
 - ◆ Joy
 - ◆ Family
 - ◆ Love
 - ◆ Truth
 - ◆ Peace