



Cuyahoga
Valley Church

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

Week of 3.10.24

Exodus 20:15 // Matthew 6:19-24// Josh Stone

Please take the opportunity to revisit the CVC Equip
Portrait of a Healthy LifeGroup on a regular basis

CONNECT (10 MIN)

- ① In the sermon this weekend, Pastor Josh shared several stories of generosity. Share a story from your own life when someone was generous with you and how it affected you.

EXPLORE (30 MIN)

Create Context (5 min):

Watch the Sermon Recap Video [HERE](#).

Study & Discussion (25 min)

- ② Read Matthew 6:19-20. Pastor Josh summarized this section by saying that “our money reveals our hopes.”
 - 1.If someone were to audit your finances, where would they conclude that your hope lies – here or in eternity?
- ③ Read 1 Timothy 5:8. These are some of Paul’s final instructions for the church.
 - a. What is the heart of Paul’s instruction here?
 - b. How do we balance/compare this with Jesus’ instructions in Matt. 6:19-20?
 - c. Work together, using these portions of Scripture and any others you can think of, and develop a biblical approach to how to budget and use money.
- ④ Read Matthew 6:21. Here Jesus tells us something interesting – that our heart will go where our money is.
 - a. In what ways have you seen this idea bear itself out in your life?
 - b. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. How do we compare Paul’s instructions on being cheerful with our giving and Jesus command to move our treasure so that our affections will follow?
 - i. Do we wait until we’re feeling cheerful and good about giving OR do we move our treasure and trust that cheerfulness will follow?



- ⑤ The third point that Pastor Josh made was that money reveals our spiritual health. Read Matthew 25:31-46.
- a. How does this portion of Scripture confirm that our money reveals our spiritual health?
 - b. If you were to stand before God today, what would the way you spend your money say about your spiritual health?

APPLY (15 MIN)

At the end of the sermon this week, pastor Josh encouraged us to ask the Lord several questions. In our prayer meeting prior to the service, we prayed for all of you – that God would give you the courage to follow through on the areas where the Lord challenged and convicted you. Would you be willing to share the following with your group today?

1. What is one area where you sensed the conviction of the Holy Spirit from this week's sermon?
2. What is an action step of obedience that you need to take as a response?

PRAY (15 MIN)

Have some people in your group read the following passages of Scripture. Then, turn these verses into prayers together for one another, for our church, and for the global Church.

- Hebrews 13:5
- Matthew 19:16-26
- 1 timothy 6:6-10



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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At the close of his sermon this week, pastor Josh encouraged us to continue on being a generous church by sharing a few stories about how God is using CVC locally, regionally, and globally. Below, we've shared a few more stories of what God is doing. Just click the links and turn up the volume!

1. [Night to Shine Recap Video](#)
2. [CVC Youth Winter Retreat Recap Video](#)
3. [Wallace Lake Baptisms 2024 Highlight Video](#)

GIVING TO CVC HELPS YOU GO 3 FOR 3

This weekend, Pastor Josh reminded us that we store up treasure on heaven by giving in three specific areas:

1. Those in need.
2. The local church
3. Global missions.

**Did you know that when you give to CVC,
you're actually accomplishing ALL THREE?!**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our local outreach partners that are all supported through your giving to CVC.

Click [HERE](#) to learn about our global missionaries that are all supported through your giving to CVC.

IF YOU ARE NOT YET TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES TO LAY UP TREASURES IN HEAVEN THROUGH GIVING AT CVC, YOU CAN VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO JOIN US IN BEING A GENEROUS PEOPLE.

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