

Sermon: Live What You Believe

March 7, 2021

Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34

**I. Your treasure will be _____ by
your master. Matthew 6:19-24**

**1. Treasures in heaven are laid up when God is _____.
John 15: 5,8**

2. Be sure your _____ is _____ (22-24)

**II. Be sure to follow _____.
Matthew 6:24. James 1:8 Romans 6:16**

III. Learn _____ in the Lord. (25-30).

**IV. Seek to _____ in the light of
God's presence. Matthew 6:33; Psalm 27:4-6; Phil. 4:11b-13**

**V. Solve todays problem with _____.
Matthew 6:34; Luke 9:23; John 16:33**

Thought for the Day One of the great dangers of the day is the uncertainty of the future. When will the pandemic end? When will the children be able to go back to school? Will people have jobs to go back to? How long will it be before people feel comfortable enough to come to church? When will be able to visit people in the hospital or long-term care facilities? Life seems to be on hold yet in this passage Jesus tells us don't worry. In this passage Jesus teaches us to trust God. First, he reminds us that he takes care of the birds and provides nourishment for the Lilies of the field. In fact, He says God created them in such a way that they have great beauty. Then he reminds us that we are more valuable to God than birds or flowers. God promises to provide our needs. In this passage he ties our provisions with treasures. In order for Jesus to empower us we need a conscious contact with God. Consider our evaluations of treasures. When we treasure something, we try to do as much as we can to get the most of it so we can get the most from it. When Jesus is the treasure of our heart, we read the Bible, pray, come to church, and testify of how much he has done for our lives. With that mindset we are not devastated by uncertainty because we trust the one who is in control of future. **Pastor Bruce**

What's happening with our Youth Ministry today?

Junior Disciples: AM Church Service

Today we are continuing curriculum called “The Core”. Over the next year we’ll be learning about the 8 “roots” of discipleship, Apologetics, Community, Identity, Kingdom, Knowledge, Outreach, Rescue and Worship. This week we’ll begin our “Apologetics” root. Here’s what the Apologetics Root is all about: The Bible encourages us to defend our faith: “Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” (1 Pet. 3:15). That’s the point of apologetics – to explain our hope in Christ to others. We shouldn’t do this in an overbearing way, as if we’re hitting people over the head. On the other hand, we shouldn’t detach ourselves from the rest of the world, too concerned with our own safety or offending someone that we never impact others. If we’re confident in the truth God has given us, then we won’t be ashamed to respectfully engage our culture in productive ways. There is also a parent’s guide that goes along with these lessons that includes activities your families can do to continue learning during the week. Please let me know if you are not receiving my emails.

Senior High Youth Group: Thursday Nights at 7 PM

On Thursday nights our senior high youth group will be meeting in the youth building. Right now we are working through a study in the book of James with Francis Chan. In the study he unpacks the dense truth contained in the book of James in front of the iconic backdrop of San Francisco, the city where he lives and ministers. Through 12 sessions, Francis works through James verse-by-verse, challenging followers of Christ to move beyond a private, intellectual knowledge of God and His Word, to a vibrant faith that impacts every square inch of life.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name
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