

Small Group Discussion Guide

For the week of November 3 - 9, 2019

Main Scriptures and Thoughts:

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." (1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV)

- The Bible warns us to not focus our lives on temporary successes but on "true treasure" which is making a difference in the lives of people.
- As we live for this treasure, we "lay up" for ourselves treasure in heaven.

"He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children, ⁶so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. ⁷Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands." (Psalm 78:5-7 NIV)

- One of the greatest ways we can make a difference is by investing in the next generation. Jesus changed the world by impacting the lives of young people and equipping them to fulfill their purpose. They in turn took the Gospel around the world. We too can have a powerful impact by doing the same.

"By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames." (1 Corinthians 3:10-15 NIV)

- At Judgement, we will be rewarded based on how we lived to make a difference in the lives of others, not based on our accomplishments.

Reflection:

- What particularly stands out to you from the main scriptures and thoughts and why?
- Why do you think Jesus prioritizes reaching young people to leave a lasting legacy?

Application:

- How do you think God has called you to be a part of impacting the next generation and leaving a lasting legacy? What is He calling you to do?

Prayer:

- Pray for clarity on how we are called to leave a legacy for others and for the faith and obedience to carry it out.