



## Week 1: Buried Treasure & Compounding Joy

### INTRODUCTION

Money is something that all of us have in common, no matter how much of it we have. Our relationship with wealth and possessions has the power to enhance or to destroy our relationship with God and with others.

The Treasure Principle states:

**“You can’t take it with you, but you can send it on ahead.”**

Read Matt 6:19-21, 13:44 & 19:16-26, then discuss the following questions.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think about your own personal life dreams. Consider how often people move from relationship to relationship or home to home. What are they looking for?
2. How have you experienced the genuine value of earthly wealth? How have you encountered the limitations of earthly wealth?
3. A full quarter of the Bible and Jesus’ teachings deal with money or possessions. Why do you think that Jesus put such an emphasis on these areas?
4. What are the dangers of assuming that we actually own all of our possessions?
5. What are the differences between being an owner and a steward? What benefits are there in recognizing our roles as stewards?

### MOVING FORWARD

If God truly owns everything, then what actions should we as stewards make? What are some steps you could take this week to help move your mindset from that of ownership to stewardship?

Remember this week, “God owns everything. I’m just his money manager.”

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

“But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:20-21