

Growth Group Leader Guide

This “growth group leader guide” is meant to be just that, a guide. Please feel free as the leader of your group to add questions or comments, as you feel necessary, to fit your group’s dynamics.

Also, don’t feel pressured to cover every question.

2 Masters – March 22, 2026

- What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

4 Points

- **Two Rewards**
- **Two Treasures**
- **Two Eyes**
- **Two Masters**

I. Two Rewards

- The sermon points to Hebrews 11:6—that pleasing God requires believing He “rewards those who seek Him.” How does this idea of seeking God’s reward sit with you? Does it feel selfish, motivating, or something else? Why?
- Share a time when you caught yourself doing something good partly (or mostly) for recognition or approval from others. What was the outcome? How might focusing on the Father’s reward change that behavior?

II. Two Treasures

- **Read and discuss** Matthew 6:19-21.
- What comes to mind when you hear the word “treasure”? What kinds of things do people typically treasure most in our culture today?
- Jesus notes that earthly treasures are destroyed by moth and rust or taken by thieves. Can you share a time when an “earthly treasure” disappointed you or proved to be fleeting?

- How is the idea of treasure related to Joy? What things do you think will bring the most joy in life?
- How does viewing obedience as a pursuit of *ultimate joy* change the way you look at difficult commands or sacrifices?
- Verse 21 says, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." How can we honestly evaluate where our treasure really is?

III. Two Eyes

- **Read and discuss** Matthew 6:22-23.
- In the Greek, "healthy" means "singularly focused". What are the "blurred visions" or competing interests that most often distract your heart from being singularly focused on God's glory?
- If the eye is the "lamp of the body" and reveals what the heart treasures, what would a stranger conclude you treasure most by looking at where you spend your time, attention, and "gaze"?

IV. Two Masters

- Jesus is very direct: "No one can serve two masters". Do you try to "part-time" your obligation to God while still trying to serve the interests of the world or money? Explain your answer.
- **Read and discuss** the following quote.
 - *By definition, a slave owner has total control of the slave. For a slave, there is no such thing as partial or part-time obligation to his master. He owes full-time service*
- Jesus says no one can serve two masters—you'll love one and hate the other. He specifically names "God and money". Why do you think money/wealth has such power to become a rival master? How does serving money show up in everyday life (e.g., anxiety, decisions, priorities)?
- **Read and discuss** the following quote.
 - *The orders of the two masters are diametrically opposed and cannot coexist. The one commands us to walk by faith, and the other demands we walk by sight. The*

one calls us to be humble and the other to be proud, The one to set our minds on things above and the other to set them on things below. One calls us to love light, the other to love darkness. The One tells us to look toward this unseen and eternal, and the other to look at things seen and temporal. - John MacArthur

- If God's glory is truly our greatest treasure, what is one small, practical step you could take this week to "lay up treasures in heaven"?
- How can we pray for each other this week to have "healthy eyes"—singular focus on God—and to serve Him alone as Master rather than letting money or worldly things compete?

Announcements

Childcare Help Needed!

We are in need of one Sunday School teacher for the 2&3 year old class (during 2nd service), as well as one nursery worker (during 1st service). Call or text **(661) 972-7129** for more information.

Sunday Night Service

3/29 | 6pm

Join us at the end of the month for Sunday Night Service! We will be discussing the proposed draft of updates and clarifications that the elders have made to the "Constitution & Bylaws".