

30 Days to Live – Where's Your Treasure?

GETTING STARTED

Using notecards or small sheets of paper, everyone write down an item you treasure. It has to be something that's hard for people to understand the value of. (old pair of jeans, a hat, comfy chair, trinket, memento, etc.). Put all of the cards into a hat or bowl. Have a moderator pull them out one at a time, state the item and have the group vote on who's they think it is.

GOING DEEPER

Many of us can look back over our lives and remember someone that's impacted us, someone who has invested time, money, and resources in us. Maybe it was a family member, a teacher, a coach like Dave, a boss, or someone at church. This type of investment can often be a real life-changer.

Discussion: Who was that for you, and how did it affect the path you've chosen in life?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19

In this passage the Apostle Paul is teaching the young Pastor Timothy how to encourage his congregation to live. Paul reminds him that wealth is uncertain. That's nothing new, though. In fact we see that principle all around us. Yet knowing wealth is so uncertain in the now, and completely worthless in the afterlife, doesn't necessarily keep us from making wealth our treasure.

Discussion: Why is it difficult for you personally to keep wealth from becoming *your* treasure?

Paul also says command them to be rich in good deeds.

Discussion: What do you think he means by "be rich in good deeds"? How "rich" are you now? What stands in your way of becoming even more "rich"?

Being rich with good deeds is always going to impact people around you. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is your heart will be also." For Coach Dave, his treasure was with people so his heart was there, and he was very rich in good deeds. His life has had a lasting impact on thousands.

Re-read 1 Timothy 6:19

Discussion: What does the verse mean to you and how should it affect your daily life?

ACTING NORMAL

Share a personal goal for getting richer with good deeds this week and pray for one another to attain it.