Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "Treasures of the Heart" Matthew 6:16-24 March 10, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

- 1. How much is Jesus consciously a part of your daily life?
- 2. What is the spiritual purpose of fasting?
 - a. Why is that purpose lost if you want others to know you are fasting?
- 3. What are some specific reasons someone might fast?
 - a. What is the message in replacing food with prayer?
- 4. What is the connection between fasting and what Jesus says about treasures starting in verse 19?
- 5. What things do you have in your life that it would really hurt you to lose?
 - a. How can you tell when something of this world is too important to you?
 - b. How can you ensure that God is more important?
- 6. In verse 22, what does it mean to have a healthy eye?
 - a. What is a bad (evil) eye?
 - b. How does your viewpoint (presuppositions, what you already know, or think you know) affect how you understand what happens in your life?
 - c. How do we make our eye "healthy?"

- 7. What are the other masters that ask us to serve them?
 - a. Who is the hypocrite's master?
 - b. How do we make God our master?
 - c. How would we live differently if God was truly our master in all things?