



6 WEEK SERMON SERIES

Dear Friends,

I am so excited to be entering into this significant sermon and study series with you. I believe you'll find this to be a deeply meaningful "reset" for your Christian experience or, perhaps, the framework you've been seeking to make your discipleship truly central and transforming in your life. Please do all that you can to be present for every one of these messages. Ask God to show you His heart and shape your heart and mine to be more like His. Pray that the LORD will give me words that are truly helpful to YOU.

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THE FIVE FINGERS OF FAITH

Like the five fingers of a hand, there are five movements of faith that God seeks to inspire in us, so that He can use us to LIFT others. Each finger of faith is important.

1. **Following** God where He leads us
2. **Trusting** God's promises with all that we are
3. **Prioritizing** God and His Kingdom above everything
4. **Surrendering** our possessions for the sake of God and His service
5. **Committing** to God's vision and power regardless of our circumstances

JOURNAL your response to the message

Jesus, I feel

about

because

RESPONDING to the message

- TABLE TALK | At a meal this week, discuss this question with those around the table: **If you were the rich, young man's friends, what advice would you give him as he walked away from Jesus?**
- Text, email or post to your small group or social media sites one big idea from this week's message that has stayed with you.
- Prepare for small group by reviewing the related questions.
- Pray this week's breath prayer every day.

● GROUP DISCUSSION

PREPARE

A. Pray together this week's breath prayer.

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B. Share how you completed the journaling prompt at the end of this weekend's worship service?

C. Ice breaker question: When you wake up each morning, what are your top three priorities?

RECEIVE

Slowly and prayerfully read or listen to Matthew 6:19–24, 33 & Matthew 19:16–30 twice. Begin and end each reading with a few moments of silence. In the quiet, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into knowing and living what you are to receive from this passage of Scripture.

REFLECT

1. How can you discern a person's priorities? Share at least three of your observations, be as specific as possible.

2. Today's first reading contrasts serving God and serving money. What does serving money look like?

3. Both passages mention storing up treasure in heaven in contrast to storing up (or hoarding) material wealth. What does "storing up treasure in heaven" look like?

4. What do we learn about God's character in these passages? Who are we able to become because of who God is?

5. What captivates you the most from the Matthew 19 story?

6. How can we determine where our treasure is?

7. Why prioritize God and God's Kingdom instead of ourselves and our own kingdom?

● GROUP DISCUSSION

8. What inhibits you from prioritizing God's Kingdom? Why?

9. Look up today's Scripture passages in *The Message* version and one additional translation. What insights do these versions give you about Jesus' teaching?

REFOCUS

Close by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

RESPOND throughout this week by PRIORITIZING God's Kingdom

- Take 5 minutes to sit with God in silence with this request: "God show me how I can prioritize Your Kingdom to LIFT others." And then journal what you hear.

- Each morning, before you get out of bed, start your day by reciting the Lord's Prayer. That way even before your feet hit the floor you are prioritizing God's Kingdom.
- Pray this week's breath prayer every day.

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HEAVENLY FATHER,

We praise Your holy name, King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

You offer us unfailing faithfulness, perfect love and unending grace.

You are worthy of our adoration and praise!

Thank You for the ultimate gift in Jesus Christ, who through His life, death and resurrection lifted us out of our sin and shame, offering us a grace greater than the gravity of life.

Father, this world is aching, confused and seemingly hopeless.

We seek Your will, Father.

We lift our eyes to You, Lord, for You are our helper and provider.

You raise the poor from the dust and lift the needy from the ash heap.

Ignite in us an insatiable hunger to LIFT those who are hurting or in need of hope in Jesus' holy and powerful name.

Thank You for this church, Your body at work.

You have trusted us with much.

Grant us the courage to respond boldly to Your call to invest the gifts of time, talent and treasure You've given us to LIFT others who so desperately need You, both locally and globally.

Gracious Lord, we ask You to take Your rightful place on the throne of our lives and make us a remarkably generous, kingdom-impacting people.

All glory and honor and praise to You, our good and faithful Father!

AMEN.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Advance Commitment Night

Friday, January 27 | Oak Brook

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, February 12

CHRIST CHURCH 

OAK BROOK | 501 Oak Brook Rd., Oak Brook | 630.654.1882

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