

1. The appeal of Jesus

- a) Matthew 6:19-21 What appeal did Jesus make in His Sermon on the Mount about laying up treasure?
- b) What does it mean to lay up treasure in heaven?

2. The example of Noah

- a) How did Noah demonstrate a desire to lay up treasure in heaven rather than simply accumulate treasure on earth? Genesis 6:5-14,22, 7:1,7
- b) How did Noah occupy his time in addition to building an Ark of safety? 2 Peter 2:5
- c) How was preaching a message of repentance laying up treasure in heaven?
- d) How does the example of Noah provide inspiration and guidance for our lives today?

3. The example of Abraham

- a) Genesis 12:1-3 What sacrifices did Abraham make when he followed God's direction to leave Ur and Haran? (See also Hebrews 11:8)
- b) How did Abraham's loving obedience and willingness to let go of earthly treasure guide his actions when he faced the greatest challenge of his life? Genesis 22:1-18
- c) What additional insights do we learn about Abraham's faith from the inspired account in Hebrews 11:17-19?

- d) What lessons can we learn from Abraham about staying focused on heavenly realities? Hebrews 11:9-10, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

4. The poor example of Lot

- a) Genesis 13:10-12 What did Lot's real estate decision reveal about the things he valued most?
- b) How did Lot's proximity to the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah impact his family? Genesis 14:1-2, 11-12, 19:1-14, 15-26, 30-38
- c) What lessons can we learn from the poor example of Lot for our lives today?

5. The example of Moses

- a) What special training did Moses receive as a favored son of Pharaoh's daughter? Acts 7:22
- b) What motivated him to abandon all earthly treasure and seek heavenly treasure? Hebrews 11:24-27
- c) How does the example of Moses inspire you to seek heavenly treasure rather than simply focus on laying up treasure on earth?
- d) What other influential Bible characters might have been inspired by the example of Moses?

6. Discussion question: How will you live differently as a result of this study about laying up treasure in heaven?

