

EKKLESIA #3: WE TREASURE GOD

APPLE - COUNTRY ROTTING FROM INSIDE – not the new normal accept.

IF THERE EVER WAS A TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO BE THE CHURCH – WHAT??

- We are not impacting culture – our influence is diminishing...scandals

We treasure the wrong stuff: our stuff, our programs, our buildings, our reputation, our music, our yelp rating, our attendance compared to other churches, spiritual gifts, celebrityism, agendas and issues. **NONE OF THAT TREASURED THAT IN HEAVEN**

The Treasure of heaven is God

MP: If the church is going to treasure God in heaven. Then the church should treasure God on earth. And if we don't treasure God on earth, we will have no impact on the world.

We get the church wrong when God ceases to be the One we treasure.

- Every church thinks they TREASURE GOD – even if they're off track

How can you tell – when we talk about how great we are instead of how great God is – church more important than the gospel **(like the church saves)**

Let's not ever be the church that exalts itself by putting other churches down.

JESUS MEANT FOR HIS CHURCH TO TREASURE GOD – John 4:21-26

Samaritan Woman: Hey I'm gonna let you in on a little secret/plan (worship 7 TIMES)

- WHO IS SHE? Privileged insight – more than his disciples at this point

SHE REPRESENTS CALL – unexpected, not a religious self-righteous snob, marginalized, disregarded, baggage **lots**, exploited – **PLENTY OF FAILURE – IN IT**

○ **BEING BORN AGAIN:** Transforms you into worshipers **(Father Looking)**

○ **Not being churchied – I'm done with this I want GOD**

The church is the community of Christ's people which he calls into being in and around Himself.

- IN AND AROUND – He is the center – **THE TREASURED ONE – ABOVE ALL**

Language today – my church this and my church that – **we hype our church**

- CHURCH NOT THE FINAL STOP JESUS IS - only 1 GETS THE HYPE

WE TREASURE GOD BY THE WAY WE LIVE – Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 6:19

CORTEZ BURNED HIS SHIPS/NEW LAND – all in BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS newlife

We live in Holiness – we follow the way – we emulate the life of Jesus

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

- Collectively we have made this choice – JOURNEY THIS ROAD TOGETHER

We Fully Invested in the Eternal – Live FROM ME TO HIM

Matthew 6:19 Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth

nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- **Not a bunch of stingy, me first, look out #1 –**

We live generously to God because we treasure Him and what will last for eternity.

TREASURING GOD IN HEAVEN TEACHES US TO TREASURE GOD ON EARTH –

Revelation 5:8-14

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Merriam-Webster's dictionary calibrate: to standardize (something, such as a measuring instrument) by determining the deviation from a standard so as to ascertain the proper correction factors. Take instrument that has been set to a true value and then use to correct other tools or instruments and bring them back to that true value. **CHEMISTRY CLASS CALIBRATE THE SCALE – measure right**

- **SPORTS PSYCHOLOGY**

Heaven isn't just our destination, it's for our calibration. Gives us a **Revelation**

TREASURE GOD TOGETHER FOREVER

- **HOW MANY??? DO U KNOW WHY? TREASURE GOD – not streets/gates**
- **SEEK/INVEST/SING - CHRISTIANITY IS A SINGING FAITH – worship team**

Worship is an attitude of the heart and a lifestyle we live before it's a song that we sing.

Words plus music plus a heart that treasures God make our songs rise to heaven.

- **When his people treasure Him He invades the space – FILLS PRESENCE**

HEAVEN ON EARTH – Something is happening here

Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and **worship** - for you shall **worship** no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God -Oh, **worship** the LORD in the beauty of holiness! - But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will **worship** toward Your holy temple - All the earth shall **worship** You And sing praises to You; ⁶Oh come, let us **worship** and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. - ⁶Do not go after other gods to serve them and **worship** them - Exalt the LORD our God, And **worship** at His footstool He *is* holy - For we are the circumcision, who **worship** God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, - Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You alone are* holy. For all nations shall come and **worship** before You, **Worship** God.