northview students

5th/6th grade

DATE(S)

November 24-25, 2018

SERIES AND LESSON TITLE

Thanksgivin - Week 4

TAKE-HOME POINT (THP)

Jesus is our treasure...not our stuff!

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Matthew 6:19-21; 1 Timothy 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Campus-Specific Announcements here...

Basic (Suggested) Service Flow

-Hang out and eat - (approx 10 min)
-Stupid Video of the Week (approx 1-2 min)
-Game (approx 10 min)
-Opening small group time (approx 5-10 min)
-Worship (approx 15 min)
-Message (approx 15 min)
-Closing small group time (approx 15 min)

OPENING GAME/GROUP TIME

LARGE-GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY

Letter Leak

Have a group of 5 boys and girls come up to the stage. They will square off boys vs. girls. Have them face each other, so there will be a few boys and girls that go twice. Who ever guesses what the phrase is first gets a point. Keep track of who ever gets more points!

OPENING SMALL GROUP

QUESTIONS	ACTIVITIES
• ATTENDANCE & HIGHLIGHTS: **o Take attendance and allow new people to share their name, their school, and what they like to do. Make them feel welcome! Make sure you write their name on your attendance sheet.** **• OPENING QUESTIONS:** **o SAY: "Let's have everyone share one highlight of their week!** **o ASK: "What are you looking forward to most about Thanksgiving this year?** **o ASK: "What is one way you can show how thankful you are this week?"** **• PRAY: Prepare for worship by praying together as a group.**	

STUFF TO ASK TO UNIQUELY CONNECT THE LESSON TO KIDS' LIVES

STUFF TO DO SO THINGS AREN'T BORING

LARGE-GROUP SCRIPT

THE MESSAGE

Last week we learned why we are called to give. We give our lives because He gave His life for us. Everything that we have in life is a gift from God, which means that we need to have open fists with everything we've been given. Today, I want us to understand what Jesus desires for us in our giving. Jesus never says it is wrong to have stuff in life, but he does make some pretty powerful points about not giving your heart to stuff. This bring us to our THP today!

Our THP today is: Jesus is our treasure not our stuff!

If you heard that and were like huh?.... Let me explain. If I were to buy a new car there wouldn't be anything wrong with that. We need cars to get around to work, see friends and family, and carry out daily tasks. I believe that would be a choice that honors God. Here is where we have to check ourselves though. Say I am riding down the street in my new car and I see a few other people drive by in older cars, and I think to myself "Man those people are riding in some junky cars. That's not good. I wonder why they don't have a nicer car. They probably aren't as financially responsible as I was or they made bad decisions. I'm just glad I don't have to worry about looking like that in my new car."

Maybe it isn't a car for you, but maybe it's the brand of clothes you wear. Maybe its how big someone's house is. Maybe it's the sports equipment someone else has. Maybe somebody has an older flip phone or they don't have a phone at all. Guys, I think we need to be aware of how we value stuff. Here is where things can get tricky. If we value stuff too much, we will lose our value for God's people and God himself.

I know we all come from different families with different backgrounds and financial situations, but I believe a lot of us don't realize how much we really have. Pastor David Platt put it like this. He said in a sermon, "You are richer than almost half of the world if you have a roof over your head, clothes to wear, food in the fridge, and a car to get around in." When I heard that I was kind of offended, if I'm being honest because I thought "I definitely have all those things, but I certainly don't feel rich and there are still a lot of things I feel I'm missing." It caused me to reevaluate how I was looking at the stuff in my life.

Jesus says in Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

We will miss the satisfaction and joy that comes from our Heavenly Father if we store our treasures here on earth in the things that we can buy or accumulate. In that passage, Jesus is preaching the sermon on the mount which is basically his sermon on how His followers should live their life.

What Jesus is probing at in this verse is his listeners hearts. He speaks in a way that when we read His words it makes us take a good look at ourselves. Notice, in this passage Jesus isn't talking about being generous, BUT I do believe there is a connection. Jesus wants us to be our treasure. It may sound cliché but when you treasure Jesus, your hands open up and you don't cling to stuff as tightly.

THE MESSAGE

I don't want to speak for you but have you guys ever wondered how can you be generous as a middle schooler? I mean lets face the facts, everything you own or have has probably been purchased by your parents. Maybe you guys are making some money mowing the lawns, babysitting, or cleaning the house. It would be easy to say "Well… I could give a couple dollars to someone who needs help" And that would be a great thing to do! Although, I believe as 5th/6th graders if you can learn to give love and time to the people around you will learn to be generous with the money you earn. Don't get in a hurry guys, you'll be 30 years old with a full time job and bills soon enough!

Take advantage of the time and opportunity you have now. It is hard to learn to focus on using your life to serve others. The stronger habits you develop in giving you time, talents, and effort now the easier it will be in the future. Be good stewards of what God has given you now, and don't buy the lie that in order to be generous you have to be older and established.

I want leave you guys with a charge the Paul gave to his younger disciple Timothy. In 1 Timothy 4:12 it reads "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and purity."

I pray you guys know that as 5th/6th graders seeking to honor Jesus you can be an example to people of all ages in the way you give of your time, talents, and love! Let's pray!

CLOSING GROUP TIME

CLOSING SMALL GROUP

QUESTIONS	ACTIVITIES
Leaders Note: Make sure to have some Bibles for your group to use! **ASK: "What was the THP today? Why was that important during the message?"** **SAY: "Why is it so easy to focus on our stuff and material things like clothes, electronics, and cars? Why do you guys think we judge other people based on their stuff?"** **SAY: "Jesus says where our treasure is that is also where our heart will be. Why do you think Jesus says that right after he got done talking about our treasures on earth?"** **SAY: "I need someone to read something Jesus said to His children in Matthew 6:19-21."** **"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also."** **SAY: "When someone says they treasure their family what does that mean to you? (Leaders help describe/ explain if you're getting blank stares!)** **ASK: "Jesus showed us how God desires for us to live while He was on earth, and He died to give us eternal life. Do you think we should treasure him above everything else in life?"** **ASK: "How will the THP help you to live differently this week? Be specific."** **ASK: "How can this group pray for you this week?"**	**After your group is finished with your discussion, close in prayer together!**

PREP NEEDS

GAME SUPPLIES

Letter Leak game slides and videos

LARGE-GROUP SUPPLIES

Stupid Video of the Week

Series graphic on TV or projection screen

Message slides

SMALL-GROUP SUPPLIES

1 or 2 Bibles for each table/group

AUDIO/VISUAL NEEDS

Pro Presenter or Power Point
TV or projector/screen