

# Passages

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GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## Small Group Discussion Questions Session 2: Treasures

**As you begin:** Spend a few minutes in small talk as you begin. Try using another ice breaker that you received in your Small Group Starter Kit. Or make one up on your own. A helpful resource to expand your opening questions is a little book called *The Complete Book of Questions: 1001 Conversation Starters for Any Occasion*. I use it in my small group and it's great! You can order it from Amazon or the Crossroads bookstore.

Remember Lent is the season to prepare and experience the resurrection life that Jesus is intentionally opening up to us each day. Our part is to consciously stay open and look for it.

Did anyone attend the Ash Wednesday service at Crossroads? What was one of the most meaningful parts for you?

Encourage your group members to be doing the daily readings and journaling the weekly questions. Those daily spiritual exercises put us in a place to calibrate our hearts and minds each day. Ask your group if they have any insights from this week's readings. The reading guide is available on the *Passages* web page: <http://crossroadscolorado.com/passages>.

**VIDEO #2: Watch the video now.** (You can download the video if you are experiencing buffering on your Wi-Fi)

1. Tell about a time that you lost something valuable. How did you respond? How did you feel when you discovered that it was missing? What did you do to get it back (if you could get it back)? What did you say or do or feel when you found it?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-21. Jesus talks about two kinds of treasures. What are they? What are some earthly treasures that we can get attached to that don't help us be supernaturally happy? What is something that you thought was valuable that you later realized had just been a drain on you?
3. In Luke 15, Jesus tells 3 stories where something goes missing: a lamb, a



coin and two sons. The shepherd, a woman and a father launch an all out search for the missing treasures—though in different ways. How have you sensed or experienced God’s consistent search or seeking for you since you are one of his most valuable treasures?

4. Katie mentioned many treasures that we may have lost or that are worth pursuing during this Lent season: time for solitude and reflection, a relationship, patience, our integrity in an area, love for another person or even ourselves, hope, the desire to pray, etc. If we have stress, anxiety, excessive worry, insomnia, stomach aches—these can be physical clues to seek out peace, resilience, confidence and a renewed sense of God’s presence. What is a kingdom treasure (or treasures) that are missing and worth seeking this season? What will you do to pursue that treasure? If you aren’t sure, simply ask God to show you what that treasure could be.
5. How have you learned to store up heavenly treasure instead of earthly treasure?
6. Read Matthew 11:28-30. Jesus promises that his yoke is easy and the burden is light—what a treasure!—even when life is heavy and hard. The phrase often overlooked in these verses is “learn from me.” People who have mastered a particular skill make it look easy. Think of a machinery operator, a woodworker, an athlete, a baker, a seamstress, or a fly tier. They make it look easy because they have learned. Where do you need the easy and light yoke of Jesus in your life right now? What will you need to learn to do with his supernatural power and presence so you can experience the light and easy yoke?

**As you end:** Take a few minutes to hear some prayer requests from your group members. You might direct the requests by asking, “Where do you need the easy and light yoke of Jesus?” Or “Where have you experienced the easy yoke and we’ll thank God together for that.” Lead the group in a prayer or open up a prayer time in your group.

**For Next Week:** Encourage your group to do the daily readings and come on the weekends. If you can’t make the weekend services, you can watch live online or later in the week. Click on the WATCH tab on the Crossroads main page. Group members can also watch the small group videos if they miss a week of your group time. Who is bringing the snacks next week?

**Is there someone you’d like to invite to your group next week?**

Don’t forget to send a group picture to 970.578.9836 and/or post a picture to social media with #mygroupcrossroadsco (no matter what size your group is).

