

Pirates – Buried Treasure
Weekend Discussion Questions
January 19-20, 2008

1. Why does talking about money always feel weird, especially in church?
2. What part of your life won't work right until you get the financial side of your life straight?
3. In what ways has your financial behavior resembled the definition of insanity? (doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result each time)
4. Jim said, "pain and debt and embarrassment, haven't been enough to cause me to change my life." In what way do you resonate with that?
5. If we really believed that our life is not book-ended by our birth and our funeral then what consequences would that have on our actions?
6. In Matthew 13 Jesus tells a story about treasure hidden in a field and a man who sold everything to buy that field. Why does He say the "kingdom of heaven" is like that?
7. Why is it so important to think differently before we try to adjust our behaviors?
8. In Luke 12 Jesus tells a story about a man who builds bigger barns for all his stuff. How is this man a glaring example of the predominant thinking of our day?
9. In what way do we live like "stuff = time/life"?
10. Have you ever had a "but God" moment? What did that look like?
11. What does it mean to be "rich toward God"?
12. How can you avoid everything you've done in life being rendered irrelevant the moment you die?
13. In what ways has God given you opportunities to leverage what you have for others?
14. In what way did Jesus leverage everything for others?
15. So what is the next step for you? Which track is your life currently on? The path of the man who bought the field or the one of the man who built bigger barns?
16. As you walked through your house, your budget, your spending what do you think you can leverage for others?