

Pirates – Dead Man's Chest  
Weekend Discussion Questions  
January 12-13, 2008

1. What did you expect this series about when you heard it was called Pirates?
2. What was your reaction when you discovered it was going to be about finances?
3. What is your expectation when it comes to how the church addresses finances?
4. Did Jim's talk live up to those expectations or was it different than what you expected?
5. Why do you think Jesus talked so much about money and stuff?
6. Read Matthew 6:21. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why or why not?
7. Jim said, "You can't separate path from destination". Where is the path you are on headed? Is it taking you to the place you want to go?
8. What are you currently trusting in to take care of you? Is that really trustworthy?
9. Have there been things in your life that you put your trust in that didn't turn out to be trustworthy? What were they?
10. Read 1 Timothy 6:19. Discuss what this verse means.
11. Jim said, "God doesn't want your money". Do you agree or disagree? What does God want from you?
12. Jim said, "is it possible that God doesn't want anything from you, but wants something for you?". What do you think that could be?
13. In what ways is money a huge competitor for your heart?
14. How much money would it take for you to feel secure? Do you think that there are people who make less than you who think if they made as much money as you that then they would be totally secure? So what does that indicate?
15. Jim closed with several questions. Ask these in your group and answer them:

Which of these statements creates the most anxiety in you? "There is no God." or "There is no money in the bank."

"Does fear of not having enough impede your ability to give to what you want to give to?"

"Do you have money in the bank but no peace in your heart?"

"How hard is it for you to do the right thing when it will cost you financially?"

