

Pirates – Treasure Map
Weekend Discussion Questions
February 2-3, 2008

1. What would you say is the most important truth you have learned in this series so far?
2. What would you say is God's biggest competition for your heart?
3. Where is your current map taking you? If you continue on this path where will you end up?
4. What kind of life do you think God wants you to have? What do you think God's end goal is for you?
5. Jim said, "Brainwashed Monkeys" are the first danger we encounter on this journey. In what ways did that illustration resonate with you? Read Romans 12:2.
6. Jim said, the main weapon to defeat brainwashed monkeys is to "choose for yourself what you will do". How have you seen that truth play itself out in your life?
7. Visa's slogan is, "Life takes Visa", Jim said he has discovered "Visa takes life", do you agree or disagree?
8. The second danger Jim talked about was "quicksand" or debt, specifically "dumb debt". What debt are you currently carrying that would qualify as dumb debt?
9. When Jim talked about defeating debt by moving toward margin (spending less than you make), what was your initial reaction? Does that sound even remotely possible to you?
10. Jim said, "another word for margin is peace", in what ways is that true?
11. The third danger Jim talked about was greed. What does a greedy person act like?
12. Why do we measure greed in others based on what they do, but in our own lives we measure it by how we feel?
13. Jim said, "Greed is not a feeling, it's a behavior". Do you agree or disagree?
14. The weapon to defeat Greed is to give toward the purposes of God. Read Acts 2:42-47. Does that story of the first church sound realistic to you? Why or why not?
15. Read 2 Corinthians 9:10-11. What do these verses tell us about God's reasoning for allowing us to have money and stuff?
16. Jim said when we give toward the purposes of God three things happen. 1) People come to know God. 2) The poor get taken care of 3) Greed is defeated in your own heart. How has that played itself out in the life of this church?
17. In what way is being generous for our benefit, not for God's?
18. True or False. "You can't be greedy and generous at the same time".
19. What was the most helpful truth you learned through this message?
20. What is God calling you to do?

