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**PRAY:** For God's eyes, to see the worth of things and people as He does.

**REST:** Take a moment to acknowledge and list all the ways God has provided for you this week.

**READ:** Through the section once. Read through again and select a verse or phrase to read a few more times. Consider writing this down to meditate on throughout your day and examine yourself in light of this—are there ways this sheds light on things God is at work on in your heart or areas of your life that need to be changed?

*Consider & Respond to these questions:*

What does Jesus show about who He is and what is important to Him?

Who are we called to be (and what are we asked to treat with importance) as a result?

Looking at the whole section, or just the verse you chose to contemplate, what action can you take this week as you strive to become more like Jesus?

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### **QUESTIONS FROM SUNDAY**

*Reflecting on this Sunday's teaching, respond to these questions:*

God is a God of eternal promises. What are some of the promises He has made to His people throughout the Bible?

How does God's promise to restore Israel give you hope?

Are you working each day to "purchase" God's love or are you working each day to spread God's gospel because you are already loved? Please explain.

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### **FOR FURTHER STUDY**

God sees differently; “the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7).

In this section, Jesus describes treasure worth giving everything up for, but it is not obvious, it is hidden in a field, with lesser pearls and useless fish. His followers see Him feed five thousand, but, in just a few chapters, will doubt that He can feed four thousand. His hometown doesn't see any miracles because they do not believe. Being a disciple of Jesus means learning to see as He does—asking Him for renewed vision.

**Treasure:** Psalm 119:14; Proverbs 23:23; Luke 12:32-34; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Ephesians 1:18-21; 1 Timothy 6:17-19; Revelation 3:17-18

**Value/Worth:** Job 28:12-13; Proverbs 10:20; Matthew 6:26; Romans 8:18-19; Revelation 4:11

**Unbelief:** Psalms 4:6-7, 78:21-24; Isaiah 7:9; Matthew 17:19-20; Mark 16:14-16; John 3:18-19, 16:8-11, 20:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12; Hebrews 3:12-13

**Satisfied:** Psalm 36:7-9, 107:8-9; Proverbs 14:14; Isaiah 58:11-12; Jeremiah 31:13-14; John 4:13-14, 6:35; Revelation 7:16-17

*As you read, some questions to think about and respond to are:*

What do you value? Does it hold its worth when you examine it with God's eyes?

Do you find satisfaction in God? Do you trust His provision? How could seeing your life with God's eyes change that?

How, specifically, can unbelief blind you or those around you?

**To Memorize: MATTHEW 13:44-46**