



COMING EVENTS

What's coming up in middle school @NCC:

- **Jump 6, Monday, October 21 • On Location** We're meeting at the church from 6:30-8:00pm and heading to the Leaning Tower of Pisa as part of the On Location series. Come out for a night of fun! Checkers will be open.
- **Vertical Edge, Tuesday, October 22 • Corn Maze** Join us as we head off to the Chilliwack Corn Maze! Bring a friend—it's bound to be a good time! Registration is online at northview.org/youth.

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Series: Buried Treasure

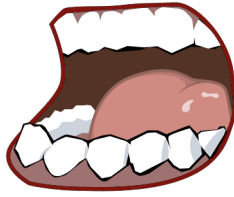
Lesson: The Expedition: Spiritual Treasure

Scripture: *Matthew 11:25-30 & various*

Key Concept: The world's "treasures" do not measure up to the treasure we have in Christ.

Chew Time:

Read **Luke 3:1-22**



Introduction:

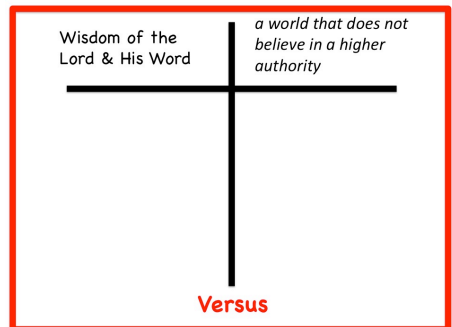
Today, we are starting a new series entitled “Buried Treasure.” Generally speaking, we don’t think of our spiritual life as a treasure. We tend to think of treasure in terms of material wealth. But, searching for worldly treasure can be very disappointing or destructive. On the other hand, God’s Word is full of great descriptions of the treasure we have in a relationship with Jesus. Over the next three weeks, we’ll spend some time looking at various passages of Scripture that show us some of the great “riches” that are ours in Christ Jesus.

Very few people get lucky and accidentally stumble across a treasure in this life. The odds of winning the lottery are totally against you. Instead, choose to seek after the treasures of wisdom and of knowing God in a deeper way. The end result of this treasure hunt will have eternal rewards that will never fade away and can never be taken away.

Stepping Up:

1. Lets take a look at a couple of verses that talk about the wisdom of God versus the wisdom of the world. You can make a couple of columns & list the differences between finding truth in the Lord & His Word versus a world that does not believe in a higher authority.

✝ **1 Corinthians 1:18-21**
(New Living Translation)
¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. ¹⁹ As the Scriptures say, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent.” ²⁰ So where does this leave



the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. ²¹ Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe.

✝ **1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (New Living Translation)** ¹² *And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us. ¹³ When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.*

2. Now let's take a look at the following passage in which Jesus speaks of true treasure that we can have.

Read **Matthew 11:25-30**

✝ *At that time Jesus prayed this prayer: "O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. ²⁶ Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way!*

✝ ²⁷ *"My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."*

✝ ²⁸ *Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."*

A) In Matthew 11:27

Jesus revealed the following about the Father's treasure through the course of His life.

- a) Jesus revealed His Father's character by how He lived.
- b) Jesus revealed His Father's love by dying for us.
- c) Jesus revealed His Father's power by rising from the grave.

B) In Matthew 11:29 Jesus invites us to “yoke” ourselves with Him and learn from Him. What are some things you'd like Jesus to teach you to do? What things would you like to learn from Him that would impact your everyday life?

- ▶ Bible Note: This yoke refers to the heavy weight on a person of obeying all of the rules & regulations of the Jewish law. Also, the students of a particular teacher could be referred to as being under the instructional yoke of that teacher.

C) In Matthew 11:29 Jesus describes Himself as gentle and humble. Which of these attributes do you need more of in your life right now? Why? *Think about situations where being humble & gentle would have been better than being angry & selfish.*