



The Deceitfulness of Riches

Sermon Discussion Questions - April 24, 2022

Text

Matthew 28:11–15

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 28:11–15. What stands out to you in this text?
2. Consider how Matthew arranged the final chapter of his book. Why do you think he inserts the guards' report between Jesus' resurrection and Jesus' commission?
3. Matthew 28:11 says, "While they were going." Who is the "they"? Where were they going, and why?
4. Compare and contrast the women and the guards. What similarities do you see? What differences?
5. What oppositions and challenges will we encounter as we go and tell people about Jesus? Of those oppositions and challenges, which one do you think is the greatest for us as believers? What about people who don't believe? That is, what is the greatest obstacle to people believing in Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 13:1–8, 18–23. In what ways does the love of money, or other kinds of security, keep us from "producing grain"? In groups of 2–3 people of the same gender, confess any misplaced loves and ask God to renew your heart in love for Him and His resurrecting power.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us to examine what we love, knowing we are Your beloved sons and daughters. Where we are prone to loving money and telling a false story, reveal the glory and goodness of *Your* story. It surpasses all understanding! What a marvelous story You give us, God. Thank You for rooting us in it. May we abide in it—and You—and produce fruit that glorifies You and blesses people. Amen.

