

SERMON-BASED STUDY: THE MISSION IS WORSHIP

Matthew 6:31-34, ESV – ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

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QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

1 This week, we learned that worship is more than a song. How is worship more than a song?

2 Why do we seek what we worship? Why do we worship what we seek?

- 3 What are some wrong things that you have worshipped? What was it about those things that caused you to want to worship them?

DIGGING DEEPER

A **Colossians 3:1-2, ESV** – *If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

Romans 14:17-19, ESV – *¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸ Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹ So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.*

- 4 Looking at the passages above, how would you describe the Kingdom of God?

- 5 How can a person seek after the Kingdom of God? What does that look like?

- 6 Part of being in a kingdom is serving the King. How are you serving the King? How are you helping to grow the Kingdom?

B **Matthew 6:25-30, ESV** – *²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”*

- 7 Looking at the passage above, why is anxiousness and worry unnecessary for those who follow Christ?

8 Jesus concludes this section by referring to His listeners as people “of little faith.” How is anxiety related to faith?

9 By taking our focus off of worldly concerns, we are able to put our focus on heavenly things. How does this refocus help a person following God? How does this help other people around us?

TAKING IT HOME

Worship begins with seeking after God’s Kingdom and His righteousness. As we seek after these things, we become more like Him. In turn, we glorify God with our adoration, celebration and consecration. How are you doing at seeking after God and His Kingdom? Share with your group or accountability partner what God is showing you. Pray for one another as you look to be disciples who seek after His Kingdom and righteousness.

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

1 Kings 3:11-14
Matthew 5:6, 6:9-13
Hebrews 13:1-6
James 4:13-17