

Seek First The Kingdom of God

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Takeaway: Seeking God first puts everything else in its proper perspective

Opening Question: What comes to mind when you hear the word “kingdom”?

Opening Thought: What happens when you search for something and it doesn't live up to the hype once you've found it? There are a variety of feelings: discouragement, emptiness, unfulfillment, anger, sadness, etc. What do we do when that happens? Oftentimes, we start searching for the next thing that we think or are told will fulfill us. Jesus has a better plan. In The Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talked about a lot of things that cause us to become anxious. He also gives us a solution to the worry: Seek first the Kingdom of God. Today we're going to look at what happens when we seek God first and how the truth of Jesus sets us free from a life of sin, worry, and anxiety.

Text: *Read Matthew 6:25-34 and John 8:31-32.* What stood out to you in the passage?

Questions:

1. How have you seen God's provision in your life?

2. What comes in the way of trusting God? What causes fear, anxiety, and worry in your life?





3. What does it mean to “pursue God’s Kingdom”? What does it look like day in and day out?

4. Jesus says in John 8:31-32, that when you are obedient to Jesus’ teaching, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free. How does obedience to Jesus play into both knowing truth, and being set free?

5. How have you found freedom in Jesus?





Application Question: Who are you going to share the truth of Jesus with this week? Pray for God to put a name on your heart.

