

SERMON ON THE MOUNT – PART 2

Life Group; Week of Sunday, October 16, 2022; Matthew 6:19-34; Steve Thiel

Sermon Theme – Jesus declares that entrance into the kingdom of heaven requires us to live for the glory of God. By faith in Christ, that includes trusting God’s provision and prioritizing God’s kingdom. By God’s grace, those are the remedies that enable us to put the sin of anxiety to death in our lives and empower us to live gloriously different than the world around us!

I. Lay Up Treasures In Heaven – Read Matthew 6:18-24

- A. When Jesus contrasts treasures on earth with treasures in heaven, what principle does He have in mind for His disciples? How do we practically lay up treasures in heaven?
- B. In verse 21 Jesus says, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” What do you think this verse means? What examples of Jesus’ statement do you have in your own life?
- C. Jesus says in verse 24 that you cannot serve God and money. What do you think it looks like to serve money? What are specific examples where you struggle with prioritizing material items over your love for God or service to His people?

II. Trust God’s Provision – Read Matt. 6:25-30

- A. What are your initial thoughts when you hear the word anxiety?
- B. What illustrations does Jesus provide to encourage His audience to not be anxious? How can these illustrations be helpful to you on a daily basis when you’re struggling with anxiety?
- C. Jesus is clear that constant anxiety is sinful. Why is anxiety sinful? What observations do you make about verse 27? What does this verse tell you about God? About you?
- D. What in your life causes you the greatest amount of anxiety and worry? Why does that event or item cause you to worry? How do you currently manage anxiety in your life?

II. Prioritize God’s Kingdom – Read Matthew 6:31-34

- A. According to verses 31-32, what is Jesus’ reason for desiring that His people not be anxious about anything? What do we know about the “gentiles”? How do they manage their lives?
- B. What do you think it looks like to seek first the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God? As you evaluate your life, in what ways are you actively seeking first the Kingdom of God and the righteousness of God? In what ways are you seeking your own kingdom?
- C. If your treasure is on earth, how will that limit your willingness to serve and sacrifice for the Kingdom of God? What one specific area in life do you think you should give up in order to prioritize the Kingdom? What one thing would you like to do to prioritize the Kingdom?
- D. Read verse 34. How is this verse a helpful reminder that we need God’s daily grace in our lives? What does it look like for you to keep God at the center of your life and your priorities? Who in your life holds you accountable to keeping God at the center of your decisions?