

WHAT IF JESUS WAS SERIOUS?



8-WEEK STUDY

on the challenging teachings of Jesus
in the Sermon on the Mount

WEEK 7

Discussion Guide

**If Jesus was serious,
we don't have to live a life of worry.**

Matthew 6:25-34

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WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Matthew 6:25-34

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To better understand Jesus' teaching on worry and provision.

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: Name one thing that tends to scare you.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Is there a difference between worry and concern? Explain.
2. Worry is a sin. It shows a lack of trust in God. Yet, we often hear people say, "Oh, I'm just a worry-wart.", or "I always worry about things.", or "I'm just an anxious person." In what ways do you see our society accepting this as a way of life?
3. If God provides our basic needs, why do you think some people not have enough food or shelter?
4. Abundance, not scarcity is the mark of God's Kingdom. Why are we still tempted to live as if God's resources and provisions are limited?
5. How would you live differently if you truly believed in God's generosity?
6. What does seek first His kingdom and His righteousness mean to you? How do you or could you live this out in your daily life?
7. Have someone in the group read **Matthew 15:29-39**. What about this story challenges you, inspires you, or makes you think differently about the possibilities of God?
8. "The fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." (**Proverbs 9:10**) Discuss what this means to you.
9. Your Heavenly Father knows what you need before you ask Him (**Matthew 6:8**). God lavishes love on His children (**1 John 3:1**). How do these two scriptures bring you peace?
10. What is one step you can take to move away from worry, and trust in God's abundance?

