Sunday Centerpoint

Key Takeaway:

1. Where our investments are, our affections will follow -- not the other way around.
2. Our spiritual "eye", whether generous or greedy, reveals the true focus of our heart.
3. We cannot serve two masters. Focus, by definition, cannot be divided.
4. Worry is like walking on a treadmill -- it gives us something to do but takes us nowhere.
5. The big idea of this sermon: Focus on your problems and your peace will fade, but focus on your Provider and your problems find their proper place.
6. God has already proven He can handle our ultimate problem -- sin -- through the death and resurrection of Jesus. That same God can be trusted with every other problem we face..

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus teaches that our affections follow our investments, not the other way around. Where do you currently see your time, energy, and money going? What does that reveal about where your heart actually is?
2. What is one "kingdom investment" -- something that has eternal rather than temporary value -- that you could make more of right now?
3. The sermon described the "good eye" and "bad eye" as a spiritual litmus test -- a reflection of whether our lives are marked by generosity or greed. When you honestly evaluate the fruit of your life right now, what does it reveal about where your focus has been?
4. The pastor shared that what we fill our eyes and minds with begins to permeate our thoughts and attitudes. What are you currently filling your mind with on a regular basis -- through media, social platforms, entertainment, or news -- and how is it affecting you?
5. Jesus says we cannot serve two masters. Money is the specific example He uses, but the principle applies broadly. What are the things in your life -- beyond money -- that most compete with God for your primary devotion? What would it look like to resolve that competition?
6. Jesus redirects His audience's attention from their problems to how God provides for birds and wildflowers. What is one thing in your life or in the world around you where you can clearly see God's provision, even now?
7. The sermon's central big idea was: "Focus on your problems and your peace will fade but focus on your Provider and your problems find their proper place." Has there been a season in your life when this proved true? What helped you shift your focus?

Practical Applications:

1. For the Doers: Do something drastic to remove a specific distraction that is pulling your focus away from God.
2. For the Planners & Worriers: When you catch yourself spiraling toward worst-case thinking, pause & reach out to a friend who can help ground you in truth & redirect your focus back to God.
3. For the Thinkers & Processors: Take a walk in nature this week without your phone, a podcast, or a book. Observe how God is actively sustaining the world around you and let that reorient your perspective on His care for you.