

DON'T BE ANXIOUS, SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

Matthew 6:24-34

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STUDY QUESTIONS

Part 1: Our Ultimate Allegiance (Matthew 6:24)

“No one can serve two masters...”

- Our Northwest culture deeply values personal autonomy, self-reliance, and lifestyle comfort. In what ways do you find yourself tempted to treat church like a consumer product that serves your schedule, rather than a kingdom movement?
- Choosing Our Master: When we go through a pastoral transition, it can be tempting to focus on our own preferences. How can we, as a group, avoid a consumer mindset and stay committed to putting God's kingdom and His righteousness first?

Part 2: Moving From Anxiety to Trust (Matthew 6:25-30)

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life...”

- Change often makes us feel uneasy or worried about what will happen to our church. Take a moment to share with the group: What worries or questions have you had during this time of transition? How does Matthew 6:24-34 help us handle these kinds of worries?
- Jesus tells us to look at the birds and consider the lilies. When you look at the beauty of the creation, how does God's physical faithfulness in creation remind you that He is completely capable of sustaining our local church body?

Part 3: Seeking the Kingdom First, Together (Matthew 6:31-34)

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...”

- Do you think the following quote accurately describes a church seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? What would you add or change?
- Focusing on Today: Jesus tells us not to worry about tomorrow. How can paying attention to today help keep us from getting stuck in fear about the future?

Our Community Step

- What are some practical ways we can live out today's passage, both on our own and together as a church?