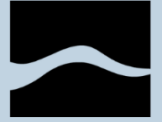


SERMON NOTES

PURSUING CHRIST'S KINGDOM AND RIGHTEOUSNESS



MATTHEW 6:25-34

BIG IDEA: Kingdom citizens entrust their lives to their Father and seek first Christ's Kingdom and righteousness.

APPLICATION GUIDE

December 31, 2023

DISCUSS

In your own words, describe the difference between sinful anxiety (what is forbidden in Matthew 6:25-34) and righteous concern (such as is seen in 1 Timothy 5:8 or 2 Corinthians 11:28).

Explain in your own words Matthew 6:27, as if speaking to a child or a friend.

Define “need” based on Matthew 6:25-34. Brainstorm a list of “needs” and “wants” in your life.

APPLY

How does being anxious about food, clothing, shelter, etc. take *too low* a view of the Christian life? (6:25)

How does anxiety over the things of life as a faithless “Gentile” thing challenge you? How does God’s knowledge of your needs encourage you to trust Him? (6:32)

In what ways is submitting to Jesus as your King difficult for you? In what ways is it a joy?

When or where are you most often tempted to anxiety about the things of life? Knowing this, how can you proactively remind yourself of truths in God’s Word that will help you avoid sin? (6:25, 31, 33)

What are some evidences of God’s faithfulness to provide in your life? How might you remember these when tempted to anxiety? (6:26, 28-30)

COMMIT

Write down three ways Matthew 6:25-34 informs, edits, or corrects your new year goals.