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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes January 7, 2024

Sermon Title: Seek First the Kingdom
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34

19 (A)“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where (B)moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves (C)break in and steal, 20 (D)but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
22 (E)“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 (F)but if (G)your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
24 (H)“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and (I)money.[b]
25 (J)“Therefore I tell you, (K)do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 (L)Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. (M)Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his (N)span of life?[c] 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, 29 yet I tell you, (O)even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, (P)O you of little faith? 31 Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For (Q)the Gentiles seek after all these things, and (R)your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But (S)seek first (T)the kingdom of God and his righteousness, (U)and all these things will be

added to you.

34 (V)“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Points of Consideration:

We Must Live in Full Devotion to Christ and His Kingdom

We must value the things of heaven over the things of earth

We must see life through God’s eyes

We must be fully committed to serving our heavenly king not our own resources

Reasons to Not be Anxious

We trust that God will provide for our needs

It is a poor witness to the world

The Proper Response to Anxious Thoughts

Seek first the kingdom of God

Discussion Questions:

In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus contrasts storing up treasures on earth versus treasures in heaven. How do our pursuits of material wealth or possessions contribute to anxiety and worry? How can focusing on eternal values alleviate these concerns and strengthen our faith?

Our passage mentions God's care for the birds and flowers, illustrating His provision. How does understanding God's provision help combat anxiety and worry in our lives? What practical steps can we take to trust in God's care amidst life's uncertainties?

Jesus encourages his followers not to worry about tomorrow in Matthew 6:25-34. How can we balance planning for the future responsibly while still living in faith and trust in God's provision? What are some ways we can practically apply this teaching in our daily lives to reduce anxiety and strengthen our faith?
