



# WEEK 1 - DYNAMIC RELATIONSHIP

<u>Arrival, Connecting, and Snack Together: (15 Minutes)</u> Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing.

Opening Prayer: (2 Minutes) Have someone open your time together in prayer.

<u>Pacing Your Group:</u> You have about 60 minutes to discuss this week's lesson. Move fairly quickly through the observation and reflection sections so that you have margin for discussion and surrender. Be sure to take at least 10 minutes to pray together at the end of your group!

<u>Scripture Reading:</u> Have someone read the passage for this week's study, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Re-read the passage as you move through and discuss the questions.

Matthew 6:25-33

## Observation:

- 1. What important command and challenge does Jesus give to us about how to respond to the basic needs we have in life?
- 2. What does God promise to us if we seek Him and His kingdom, surrendering our anxieties to Him?

#### Reflection:

- 3. What does the command of this verse communicate to us about God's awareness of our lives and His intentions for us as we make Him a top priority?
- 4. What are the primary needs, interests, and concerns in your life right now? Where are you hoping for God's provision, and direction?

## Discussion:

- 5. What does it look like practically for you to seek God's kingdom? What realities do you face that make it difficult for you to pursue God and His ways as a priority?
- 6. Share a story about God providing for your needs or direction in your life. What process did you engage in to discover God's provision and direction?

#### Surrender:

- 7. What is one thing God is saying to you through today's study and discussion?
- 8. What are you willing to ask God to help you change in light of what you've learned?

<u>Closing Prayer:</u> Pray for each other in light of what was shared today.