

*Entrusted*  
Matthew 6.25-34  
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As we delve into our second session considering those things God has entrusted to us, you will notice that the questions below are fewer. I've had enough feedback that the typical Life Group questions are too many, so I'm going to experiment with trimming them down. Nevertheless, proceed at your pace through the questions and it's still true that you don't have to answer each and every question.

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*Sharing:* What are some of the things you believe God has entrusted to you as his custodian?

What do you remember about the Sermon on the Mount? A part of this sermon is **Matthew 6.25-33**. Take a moment to read it. Overall, what would you say Jesus is talking about in this passage? What's the "big" word that repeats itself over and over?

What kinds of things is Jesus encouraging his listeners to *not* worry about? What are the specific examples Jesus uses to tell them not to worry? Do you find these examples compelling? Why does Jesus address his listeners as having "little faith" in verse 20? What is he trying to get at by saying that? Do you agree that verse 31 summarizes everything Jesus is trying to say here?

What does Jesus say is the alternative to being anxious? Verse 33 is central to everything here; it's really the point of the whole passage. Look back at verse 10 to see the connection between the kingdom of God and the will of God. What does it mean to seek the "kingdom of God?" Where should the call to seek the kingdom of God be on one's priority list? What does Jesus say will result from seeking first the kingdom of God? What are "these things that will be added to you?" In a sentence or two, what is Jesus getting at in Matthew 6.25-33?

"So keep on seeking above all else the kingdom of God."

Translation of verse 33 by Donald Hagner in *The Word Biblical Commentary*

We are each entrusted with various things we often summarize as "time, talent, and treasures." The problem is that we want to keep them for ourselves, partly because we find that they serve to meet *our* needs, and not just tangible needs. Beyond just meeting our tangible needs, how is that our time, treasure, and talents serve to meet our other needs?

What does Jesus say to you about trusting him to meet your needs? What does that say to you about what you do with your time, treasures, and talents? If you trusted Jesus implicitly here, what could you give more of out of the things he has entrusted to you? Pray this pray as you conclude:

"Give me, Lord, heavenly wisdom to learn above all else to seek and find You, to enjoy and love You more than anything, and to consider other things as they are, as Your wisdom has ordered them."

Thomas a' Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*

