



Seek First

Pastor Scotty James

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?"

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

MATTHEW 6:25-33 | NIV

WHAT DOES SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD LOOK LIKE?

- **GOD** OVER **WORLD**
- **OTHERS** OVER **SELF**
- **SURRENDER** OVER **SECURITY**

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. What stood out most from the sermon this Sunday?
2. The Scriptures called us to reflect upon the birds. Pastor Scotty mentioned how much less birds have, and yet how much more peace they have than most humans. **Have you experienced this? When you reflect on the birds, does your peace surpass theirs? Why or why not?**
3. Pastor Scotty referenced that much of our anxiety is linked to our abundance. **As you reflect on that in your personal life, do you see a connection?** Explain.
4. To seek first the kingdom means to put others before yourself. **Is there an area of life (marriage, siblings, co-workers, etc.) where you think you may need to apply this?**
5. To seek first the kingdom means to surrender to God more than you hold on to security. Reflect on your life. **Who in your life has been the greatest example of this?**