

# SAME: Same Provision

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### **SUMMARY:**

In today's Scripture reading, Christ gives us a beautiful dissertation regarding His consistency (or sameness) in the area of providing for His children. He addresses our human doubts and anxieties about whether or not God will come through for us when we need Him the most. And this entire passage (in the second half of Matthew chapter 6) is prefaced by Jesus talking to us about how we approach the area of personal finances. This week's sermon explores 5 practical principles that can bring needed, fresh insight into how we should steward our money and the material things God has entrusted us with.

**Key Passages: Matthew 6:19-21;24-33**

*Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.*

### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION**

**KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.**

*The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.*

*What is something that you are thankful for this week?*

*What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?*

*Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?*

**GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.**

Interestingly, Jesus talked more about finances in the Bible than He talked about heaven and hell. What are some reasons you think this is the case?

Perhaps one reason we worry about life's circumstances is because we don't realize how valuable we are to God. Read Matthew 6:26 and talk about this.

How does the illustration of God feeding the birds and the lilies of the field give the practical truth that God cares and provides for our needs? How can we escape worrying about such things as food and clothes?

**GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.**

If God is really in control of the universe, why do we worry so much about so many things?

How do you think worry is affecting you emotionally, physically, and spiritually?

What do you tend to be most anxious about? Ask God to help you in this area.



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