

## Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

## Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

## DON'T WORRY, TRUST THE LORD

Matthew 6:25-34

**Main Thought:** In Matthew 6:25-34, Jesus commands us not to worry about our needs but to trust in the Lord to provide for us as we seek His kingdom and His righteousness.

1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 25, 27)

- 1) Anxiety over \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of our world today generates additional areas of anxiety.
- 3) Anxiety vs. \_\_\_\_\_.

2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ANXIETY. (v 30)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ between anxiety and \_\_\_\_\_.

3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF ANXIETY. (vv 29, 30-34)

- 1) Remember you have a \_\_\_\_\_ Father who \_\_\_\_\_ all your needs.
  - (1) Consider the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Consider the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (3) We are more \_\_\_\_\_ to God than these.
- 2) Seek \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4:6-8
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about your concerns and thank God for your blessings.
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in God's \_\_\_\_\_ of peace.
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ things.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS**

1. What insight from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening, or troubling? Explain.

2. Read Matthew 6:25-34.

3. What is the connection between verse 25 and verses 19-24?

4. What are we not to worry about? What things do you worry about? What's the difference between worry and a healthy concern?

5. How is life more important than food and the body more important than clothes?

6. What are we to learn from observing birds?

7. Why is worrying futile according to verse 27?

8. What are we to learn from the lilies of the field?

9. What is the ultimate basis of all worry according to verse 30?

10. Why is worry unbecoming to followers of Christ according to verse 31?

11. How can remembering that we have a Heavenly Father help us to overcome worry?

12. What does it mean to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"? What does that look like in the life of a person who is practicing it?

13. Why shouldn't we worry about tomorrow? Does that mean we shouldn't plan for the future?

14. What additional help in dealing with worry do you find in Philippians 4:4-8?