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Life Group Study Questions

For the week of November 14, 2021

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. A common fear many of us experience is F.O.M.O. (the fear of missing out on an event, opportunity or fun, etc.). Can you think of any examples of times you have experienced F.O.M.O.?

2. A great way to trust God with what's in front of us is to remember what He has done in the past. Are there ways or times you've seen God show up in the past that can serve as a reminder of His faithfulness now and in the future?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend's message had a lot to do with how faith is a matter of what we choose to focus on. In this week's study questions, we are going to dive into a passage that reinforces this idea. Read the sections of Matthew 6:22-33 below and answer the questions that follow.

Matthew 6:22-24 New International Version (NIV)

²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Jesus lays out that successfully serving two masters is simply impossible. In a very real sense, serving two masters often looks like us splitting our focus or trying to have things both God's way and our way. When it comes to the areas below, what are some ways we can tend to have split focus?

- Relationships (family, friends, dating or marriage)
- Finances
- Free time
- Work

Can you think of a time when you've successfully trusted faith over your feelings in one of the areas above? How about a time you've trusted feelings over faith?

Matthew 6:25-30 New International Version (NIV)

²⁵ “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? ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ 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?”

In addressing worry, Jesus makes a point to stop and draw attention to birds and flowers to give the disciples an important reminder about His nature and their value. Can you think of any ways that might help you remember Jesus’ care for you and your value to Him?

We heard this weekend about how it is often easier to trust God with our eternities than with our day-to-day lives. Think of two or three areas of life you may feel a sense of uncertainty or concern about. Why is it sometimes easier to worry than to trust in those areas?

Do you think it’s possible to worry and trust God at the same time?

Matthew 6:31-33 New International Version (NIV)

³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Jesus points out that children of God are to have a completely different view of worry and fear than the rest of the world. Instead, He tells us to seek after His kingdom and righteousness. How would you describe to a friend what it looks like to seek after those things?

One of the best ways to seek first God’s kingdom and righteousness is to focus on and remember His Word. Can you think of any practical ways that have helped you keep your focus on God’s Word? If so, explain.

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Great Holiday Serving Opportunities

Thanksgiving: Give a local family the chance to celebrate Thanksgiving by buying them a turkey or, better yet, an entire meal. We have partners in Fallbrook, Vista, Ramona & Poway.

Christmas: Adopt a family for Christmas via one of our partners: Fallbrook Food Pantry, North County Lifeline (Vista) or a North Coast family.

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