

MESSAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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This week Marq Youngblood continued in our series, The Next Right Thing teaching from the gospel of Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus said to “seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

We need to look at who the king of the kingdom is to understand the full meaning of this statement. We need to look at who Jesus is. Some attributes that come to mind are loving, pure, without sin, holy, beginning and end, and he reigns now and forever. Two critical things should guide our lives: Above all, seek his kingdom and above all, seek his righteousness.

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 6:33

³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

MATTHEW 6:24-32

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.

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? 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. Live by his standard, affect our behavior and attitude, it’s not our way, our employer’s way, it is his way

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out from Marq's message?
2. Read Matthew 6:33. What is the priority Jesus puts on the kingdom? Who is the king of this particular kingdom? What are some things you know about the king (from previous knowledge)
3. Since verse 33 starts with a "but", we need to look at what comes before. Read Matthew 6:24-32. What are the things that will be given if we seek the kingdom first?
4. Read Philippians 4:19. How does Paul add to the list?
5. What item in your life needs to be secondary to seeking his kingdom and righteousness?
6. Where is worry in your life showing you that you need to have a conversation with someone or take an action
7. How can our Crossings family, this group, walk alongside of you in following Christ Jesus and His desire for your life?
8. How can we pray for you?

PRAYER

Thank God for his power and righteousness that reigns over his kingdom. Ask him to reveal those areas that are getting higher priority in your thoughts and actions than the kingdom, and ask for the help you need to get your priorities straight.

