

What is the difference between God's kingdom and God's righteousness? (in verse 33)

What does Jesus mean when he says 'all these things will be given to you as well'? (see v.31-32, also Mark 10:29-30)

Trouble and Worry

The Bible helps us understand the danger of worry. Martha in Luke 10:38-42 was distracted by cares and worries as are those who hear the gospel and yet are unfruitful in Matthew 13:22. How does Phillipians 4:6 help us to deal with worry?

The Bible also promises that we can expect trouble (Matthew 6:34, Mark 10:29-30). Read Romans 8:28 and Phillipians 4:6 again and spend time **sharing** and **praying** along these lines.

The Blessed Life

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7

Read Matthew 6:25-34

Discussion: How do you feel when you hear Jesus say 'do not worry'?(v.25)

What kind of things do you find yourself worrying about?

Jesus begins with the word 'therefore'. He has just commanded us not to **store up** 'things' on earth but to choose him over money. He now commands us not to **worry** about 'things' on earth. How are these commands connected?

Food, Drink and Clothing

Jesus looks at three specific 'things' we worry about throughout this whole section. If we take a look around us, how common is it to worry after these things?

What is Jesus' view on your 'life' and your 'body'?

Jesus argues from the 'lesser to the greater', if he provides for birds surely he will provide for you (v.26) and he argues from the greater to the lesser, if he knows how long your life will be, surely he knows that you need to eat and drink (v.27).

Do you ever seriously take time to think how birds and flowers are provided for by God?

What do we learn about the character of God by thinking about 'grass'? (also verses 28-30)

Why does Jesus say we have 'little faith'?

Seeking

What is it that the Pagans seek?

What do people seek today?

What are we to be seeking?