



## Summary

In this sermon, Susette Magana explores what she calls the "kingdom economy" from Matthew 6:19-34, part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. She opens with a personal confession about playing the lottery during a season of financial anxiety, using it to illustrate how easily we can place our trust in things other than God when we feel insecure. She walks through Jesus' teachings on storing up treasures, the lamp of the body, and serving two masters, showing how greed and worry are often rooted in the same underlying fear of scarcity and a sense of being alone in our needs. The sermon weaves together biblical teaching and neuroscience to explain how a scarcity mindset narrows our focus and crowds out trust in God, while a posture of gratitude and generosity broadens our perspective and opens us to experiencing His provision. Pastor Suzette emphasizes that Jesus is not shaming us for worrying but gently inviting us into a different way of living in His kingdom. She closes with a reading of Psalm 104 as an imaginative prayer, encouraging the congregation to zoom out and remember that the same God who sustains all of creation already knows exactly what each of us needs.

## Ice Breaker

What is one thing you splurged on or seriously considered buying that you later laughed about?  
What was going through your mind at the time?

## Questions

- Susette shared a personal story about playing the lottery during a season of financial stress. Can you think of a time when you looked to something other than God to rescue you from a difficult situation? What did that feel like?
- Jesus says in Matthew 6:21 (NIV), 'For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' What do you think your spending habits, your worries, or your daily thoughts reveal about where your heart is right now?

- The sermon described a 'scarcity mindset' as something that narrows our focus and makes us feel alone, defensive, and protective. Have you ever experienced that kind of tunnel vision in your own life? What triggered it and how did it affect your relationships?
- Matthew 6:24 (NIV) says, 'No one can serve two masters.' Pastor Suzette connected this to neuroscience, explaining that our brains literally cannot fully focus on both God and our fears at the same time. How does that idea challenge or encourage you?
- The sermon made a distinction between provision and rescue. God promises to know what we need, not necessarily to give us everything we want. How does that distinction sit with you, and how does it change the way you pray about your needs?
- Pastor Suzette encouraged the group to tell Jesus what you really think, without cleaning it up or making it sound more spiritual than it is. What would it look like for you to pray more honestly this week? Is there anything holding you back from doing that?
- Jesus points to birds and wildflowers as examples of God's provision and invites us to zoom out and gain perspective. What are some specific ways God has already provided for you that you sometimes forget when worry sets in?
- The sermon closed with Psalm 104 as a reminder that God sustains all of creation. How does reflecting on the bigness of God and His care for the natural world affect your trust in Him when it comes to your personal needs and fears?

## Key Takeaways

- Jesus teaches that where we place our treasure reveals the true condition of our hearts, and He invites us to store up what lasts rather than what fades.
- Greed and worry often come from the same root: a fear of scarcity and a feeling that we are alone in our needs. Jesus sees beneath the behavior to the heart underneath.
- We cannot fully serve both God and money because our minds are not built to focus on two masters at once. A scarcity mindset crowds out trust and generosity.
- God already knows what we need. The promise is not that He will give us everything we want, but that we are not alone and He has not forgotten us.
- Shifting from a scarcity mindset to a broader, grateful perspective is both a spiritual practice and something that genuinely changes how our brains function and how we treat others.

# Life Application

This week, when you notice worry beginning to take over, pause and practice zooming out. Write down three specific ways God has already provided for you, whether financially, relationally, or in some other area of your life. Then identify one practical way you can be generous with what you have right now, even if it feels small. Let these two practices, remembering His past provision and choosing to give, be your response to anxiety this week instead of letting worry have the last word.

## Ending Prayer

Lord, thank You for this time together and for the reminder that You already know what each of us needs. We confess that worry comes easily and trust can feel hard, especially when life feels uncertain. Help us to practice zooming out this week, to remember Your faithfulness, and to hold our possessions and our fears with open hands. Where we have been hoarding out of fear, give us the courage to be generous. Where we have been trying to carry things alone, remind us that You see us and You are with us. We trust You with tomorrow because today is already in Your hands. In Jesus' name, amen.