
Sermon Discussion Questions

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Trusting God in a Worried World

Luke 12:22-34

1. The False Security of Possessions: Jesus teaches that focusing on material security can keep us from living the life God intends for us. Why do possessions and financial security so easily become sources of trust and comfort? How can they lead us toward worry and self-focused living rather than dependence on God?

2. Worry and the Goodness of God: Jesus points to the ravens and flowers as examples of God's provision, reminding us that we are even more valuable to Him. Why is it often difficult to trust God with our everyday needs, even when we believe He loves us? How does remembering that we are beloved children of our heavenly Father challenge our worries?

3. Seeking God's Kingdom First: Jesus calls His followers to seek God's kingdom rather than being consumed by what they will eat, drink, or wear. What does it look like to seek God's kingdom in the midst of everyday responsibilities and real-life needs? How can we distinguish trusting God from being careless or irresponsible with what He has entrusted to us?

4. Generosity as an Expression of Trust: Jesus connects trusting the Father with selling possessions, giving to the needy, and storing up treasure in heaven. How does seeing God as generous and trustworthy change the way we view our money and possessions? What might it look like for us to become more generous toward people in need within our church and community?

5. Training Our Hearts to Trust: The sermon emphasizes that growing in trust is about training rather than simply trying harder. It suggests setting boundaries around things that fuel fear and practicing the discipline of giving. What habits, influences, or patterns tend to increase your worry and weaken your trust in God? What spiritual practices could help you grow in confidence in His goodness and provision?

Closing Application: Where is worry or a desire for security competing with your trust in God right now? What is one practical step you can take this week—whether reducing an anxiety-producing influence, practicing generosity, or intentionally seek

Interpretation / Application Questions

Interpretation

- 1. What does this passage teach us about God?** God is the main character of the Bible, so he should be our starting point. Every passage of Scripture reveals something about God, even if he's not specifically mentioned.
- 2. What does this passage teach us about people?** As the pinnacle of God's creation, humans are at the center of his purposes. Think through what the passage reveals about our identity as divine image-bearers.
- 3. What does this passage teach us about how to relate to God?** Loving God with our whole being expresses itself in a variety of ways. Start by looking for reasons to praise God.
- 4. What does this passage teach us about how to relate to others?** God created us to be in community with one another. When he saves us from our sins, he makes us part of the body of Christ. Start by considering what the passage shows about interacting with others—family, friends, roommates, coworkers, classmates, neighbors, fellow believers, non-Christians, etc.

Application

- 1. What does God want us to understand/think?** God has given us the mind of Christ, but we are still tempted to think the way we did before we knew Christ. Deep and lasting transformation begins with the renewal of our minds. Reflect on any wrong ways of thinking that the passage exposes.
- 2. What does God want us to believe?** We may understand a truth at an intellectual level without letting it shape how we live. Consider what false beliefs the passage reveals and what gospel promises you need to believe.
- 3. What does God want us to desire?** This question targets the affections—the combination of desires, inclinations, feelings, and will that are the spring of our actions. God calls us to desire him above all else, but apart from the work of the gospel we will desire what's evil. Reflect on how you see the sinful desires mentioned or implied in the passage show up in your own life, as well as the kind of godly desires you should be cultivating.
- 4. What does God want us to do?** When God's Word changes how we think, what we functionally believe, and what we desire, it will produce tangible change in what we do and don't do. Sometimes a passage gives us direct commands. But many are far less straightforward, requiring us to think carefully about specific actions.