



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of December 18, 2022

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Luke 12:22-34 Do Not Be Anxious

22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. 32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Discussion Questions

1. How is the rich person who struggles with materialism and the constant desire for more, similar to the poor person who is anxious and worried about never having enough? What do you think is the core struggle for both?
2. What lessons does Jesus want His disciples to learn from the ravens and lilies? Why is it so hard for most Christians to learn these lessons?
3. Although many people worry about how we are going to pay the bills and put food on the table, what does this kind of worry reveal about our trust in God? Why is this kind of worry useless?

4. How does seeking God's kingdom first, provide for a "higher standard of living" than even the richest most opulent lifestyle money can buy? What do you think it means to seek the kingdom of God?

5. What does it mean that "*it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom*"? How would this truth help you to sell your possessions in order to give to the needy? What is a practical way you can do this?