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Gospel of the Kingdom – Anxiety Part 2

Matthew 6:25-34

Summary – Jesus’ sermon is pointing believers toward a way of living that prioritizes *being* rather than *looking* and the *beatitudes* over being *comfortable*. His perspective produces a kind of life that culminates in Matthew 6:25, “be anxious for nothing”. It is this quality of life that humans resonate with and our current culture wars against.

Scripture – Matthew 6:25-34; Luke 12:4-5; 2 Corinthians 4:17; Psalm 23:5, 75:6-7, 37:4; Ecclesiastes 2:1-20; Jeremiah 27:5; Romans 8:32

Community Group Questions

- “Today we are more anxious in a safer world.”
- How do you balance “Good God, broken world?”
- How do we combat the values of the world vs. the value Christ has said we possess?
- “Looks are at their core a way to control the world.”
- “We want, in fact, not so much a Father in Heaven as a grandfather in heaven—a senile benevolence who, as they say, 'liked to see young people enjoying themselves' and whose plan for the universe was simply that it might be truly said at the end of each day, 'a good time was had by all'.” C.S. Lewis
- How should the fact we are eternal push back on our tendency to be anxious?
- “Our hearts are restless (anxious) until they find their rest in thee.” Augustine
- The enemy lies to us that if we wholly surrender, God will ask us to do something we don’t want to do. Have you experienced this in your life?
- “You will seek the kingdom in faith or fear.”