

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Fearless

Week of May 18, 2019

Week 5: Facing the Fear of Financial Ruin (Jeff Griffin, Senior Pastor)

Matthew 6:25-34

Humanity has always worried about finances. Jesus, knowing this propensity, taught us how we can find freedom from this fear. If we study, understand and apply Jesus' teaching, we can enjoy the peace only Jesus can bring.

Kicking it off: Jeff shared of his fear that his basement might flood. Did you ever have an expensive problem with your home? If so, tell the group about it.

Discussion:

1. Reread *Matthew 6:25* "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear."

Why are finances one of the biggest causes of fear for people?

2. Reread *Matthew 6:26* "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

How can watching birds help us with our worrying about money?

3. Jeff made the statement that "God promises to provide us with everything we need to fulfill his will for our lives." How does this statement differ from popular understandings of God's provision?

4. Can you think of time that God provided for a financial need? If so, tell the group about it.

5. Reread *Matthew 6:27* "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

What does Jesus mean by this statement?

6. Reread *Matthew 6:31-33* "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' The pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

How should Christians view money differently than nonbelievers?

7. Reread *Matthew 6:34* "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

What does Jesus mean by this statement?

Wrapping It Up: Pray that God would help you internalize the truth of this passage and find great peace regarding finances.