



Kingdom Culture

Sunday, March 7, 2021 – Kevin Wiens
“Money and Possessions” (Matthew 6:19-34)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

(These are to be used personally, with family, or with your Small Group)

Our journey through the Gospel of Matthew continues with Jesus further describing and illustrating the “Kingdom of Heaven.” As we seek to understand his mysterious and challenging message, we uncover what kind of ‘Kingdom Culture’ he is calling us to live.

1. What are some of your most valued possessions? Do they have much monetary value? What are some things that you value that don’t have monetary value?
2. Read Matthew 6:19-34. What verses stand out the most to you? Imagine that you are in the audience hearing Jesus teaching this for the first time, if you had the courage to raise your hand and ask a question, what would you ask?
3. The context of Jesus’ teaching is first century Jews who would be familiar with the Old Testament scriptures. What are some of the OT passages that may relate? (Examples: Ex 16:1-8, Deut, 28 - If you struggle with thinking of OT passages think of modern-day conventional wisdom) How does Jesus’ teaching be similar/differ from what they would have learned from the Old Testament? How is it similar/different from today’s conventional wisdom?
4. What is the best financial advice you’ve received? Does it line up with Jesus’ teaching?

5. What are the parts of Jesus' teaching in Matt 6 that you find easier to follow? What parts are the toughest to follow?
6. Are you a "worrier"? What are things that keep you up at night? What are passages of scripture that you use to help your mind rest and not worry?

Bonus exercise:

Add up the value of everything you are wearing, including whatever is in your pockets. Contrast your wealth with the reality that almost half the world's population lives on less than two dollars a day. This isn't an exercise to make you feel guilty, just a reminder that we have access to significant material possessions. How can we embrace the ways of Jesus (the kingdom of God) in a "wealthy" society? Are there ways you can help the poor as a small group?