



# Bible Study Questions

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Matthew 6:25-34

## Introduction

In this passage of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus continues his discussion on finance by encouraging us *not to worry*. **Discuss each other's top 3 causes of worry/anxiety today.**

## Read & Reflect

Read **Matthew 6:25-34** at least twice using different versions of the Bibles. As you read or listen to the words, reflect and share on the following:

- What stands out or what do you notice?
- What questions are raised for you?
- What might the Holy Spirit be saying to you?

## Questions

- The word used for “worry” in this passage is *mirimnao*, which can be translated as “worry” or “anxious” or “concerned about”. One author describes it as “**a disproportionate amount of caution, based on an inappropriate level of fear**”.  
Out of your top 3 worry items, what things might you be *too cautious about because you are too fearful about the outcomes*?

- Jesus’ famous reference to the birds and the flowers would have brought to mind Isaiah 40:6-8:

“All people are like grass,  
and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
because the breath of the Lord blows on them.  
Surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of our God endures forever.”

This is about our *insignificance* compared to God. However, Jesus flips this in the Sermon on the Mount and teaches about our *significance*. Do you consider yourself significant enough in God’s eyes, that he would provide for you as a Father?

- Reflect on times you have been radically dependent on God’s provision. Consider finance, relationships, healing, guidance. What did you learn about God’s character?
- In vv31-33 Jesus compares his disciples to the “nations/pagans”. What does he say is the difference between those who know the Father, and those who do not?

## Application

- The one condition Jesus invites us to here is to **seek first his kingdom (God’s rule and reign) and his righteousness (loving God and loving others)**. How might we do this today?

## Extra Resources to find peace in God:

## VERSES TO REFLECT ON

*>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

John 14:27

*>You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.*

Isaiah 26:3

*>Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16

*>"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*

John 16:33

*>Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And **the God of peace** will be with you.*

Philippians 4:9

*>In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in safety.*

Psalms 4:8

## A POEM

### The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry

*When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night at the least sound  
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake  
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought  
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light. For a time  
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*