

LIVE THE STORY

*The Gospel is intended to be learned and lived in community.
The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups
as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- Jesus says that “You cannot serve (be a slave to) God and money.” (vs. 24) Discuss why it is not possible to do both.
- Do the treasures that we lay up for ourselves here on earth have to cost a lot or be worth a lot? Explain. What does this say about what Jesus is trying to get at?
- What area of life are you prone to be anxious about? How does this text speak to that?
- Can you think of an example where a person has to choose between God’s kingdom and his righteousness, and caring for his or her everyday need? Explain. Do you remember a time when you were faced with that decision?
- Review Questions on Pg. 2, under II, C.
- How can the group pray for you as it relates to this text?

Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness
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Text: Matthew 6:19-34

INTRODUCTION: The Number One Priority of Life

I. THE MANDATE: *Jesus gives us our number one priority.*

- A. Two Ways of Stating the Main Point
 - i. Matthew 6:19-20

- ii. Matthew 6:33

B. Seeking First the Kingdom

To “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness” means that our number one priority in life should be to seek to know God, to love God and to obey God in every area of life, and to live for the good of others.

- i. Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus is calling us to seek to **know** and **love** God with all our might and to have him **reign** in every area of our life, including **how we relate to the people** around us.

- ii. Saying “No” and “Yes”

II. THE OBSTACLE: What keeps us from doing this?

A. The Cares of Everyday Life

- i. Matthew 6:25

- ii. Matthew 6:31

B. Not an Excuse for Laziness

- i. 2 Thessalonians 3:10

- ii. We need to attend to our spiritual matters before we attend to our physical matters.

- a) John 6:25-35

- b) Matthew 13:1-9; 18-22

C. Questions to ask yourself:

- i. *Whose kingdom occupy more of my thoughts on a daily basis – God’s or mine?*

- ii. *In general, do I think more about God and what matters to him, or do I think more about what matters to me?*

- iii. *How much time do I spend cultivating my relationship with Jesus, caring for his body and serving to advance his kingdom?*

III. THE REMEDY: How can we overcome the obstacle?

A. Remedy #1: Truths about God to Embrace (6:30)

- i. God is ultimate, not life itself (vs. 25).

- ii. God cares for you (vs. 26).

- iii. God is sovereign, not you (vs. 27).

- iv. God is wise in his dealings with you (vv. 28-30).

- v. God knows your needs (vv. 31-32).

B. Remedy #2: We need to live one day at a time (vs. 34).

C. Remedy #3: We need to pray. (Philippians 4:6-7)