

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Let Go and Look Up

The Scripture verses in Matthew 6:19-34 let us know of two specific areas that can be of temptation to us. But that doesn't mean we believers are shackled to our worry or wealth, because Jesus knows how to overcome them!

Two Temptations We All Face:

1. The temptation of wealth.

Name some of those treasures here on Earth that you have allowed to distract you from His heavenly kingdom. When did you realize each was a distraction and not a gift? Did you overcome the temptation to hold onto it as an idol? If you were successful, describe how. If you failed, what is holding you back?

Hebrews 13:5; Proverbs 23:4-5; James 5:1-6; Matthew 6:19-24

2. The temptation of worry.

Do you bring your worries to God? If so, what does that look like? If not, what is stopping you? Give an example of when you worried about something and that worry actually happened. Was it worse or better than you thought it would be? Describe a time when the worry did not actually happen. How did that make you feel, especially after spending so much time worrying about it? How do you encourage and guide other believers when you see them worry and not trust God? Do you extend that kindness and direction to yourself? If so, what are the steps you take? If not, what would be the first step you need to take today in order to do so?

Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 39:4-5; Matthew 6:25-34

Make it Real

- If you do not already tithe, begin. Ask a trusted person in your life group to hold you accountable.
- Let Jesus replace wealth and worry in your life with something much better...Him!
- Remember that you are more valuable to God than the birds of the air or the flowers of the fields!
- Ask those in your life group what they need right now that could help them alleviate their worries, and then do it for them.