

# WEEK 14 | MATTHEW 6:25-34

## A BEAUTIFUL KINGDOM

### THEMES.

Throughout the sermon on the Mount, Jesus has been targeting the hearts of his listeners. Showing us how we are called to live as those who belong to God's beautiful kingdom. Even though we have the tendency to focus on the external, Jesus in this sermon is constantly calling us to look inward. And as we get to the verses that end up in Matthew 6, it's no different. After Jesus speaks about the importance of laying up treasure in heaven instead of here on earth, he turns to the topic of anxiety. Commanding us not to be anxious about the things in this life, because we have a good Father in heaven who knows what we need. And Jesus calms our worried hearts by reminding us if he takes care of the birds and flowers, how much more will he take care of us?

### PRAY.

Consider opening your group by praying. Here are a few prayer points to posture your heart for advent.

- Settle yourself by praising God for allowing us to be a part of his beautiful kingdom.
- Vocalize any anxiety and fears you're carrying into this season of life.
- Ask the Lord to fill you with hope as you consider the Lord knows what we need.

### QUESTIONS.

Feel free to use any, all, or none of these questions as you facilitate your group. Their purpose is to be an aid to you as you consider how to teach the implications of this week's scriptures.

1. Did the Holy Spirit use last week's passage or sermon to convict, challenge, or encourage you in any way? Did he use it to confirm or answer a prayer in any way? If you're willing, share with the group.
  2. The original listeners of this sermon were tempted to be anxious about their food and their clothing. What are things in our lives today that we're prone to be anxious about?
  3. Are you feeling anxious today? If you're comfortable, share why with your group.
  4. Jesus gives two examples from nature to show we don't have to be anxious about our lives: the birds and the flowers. How do these examples from the passage encourage and comfort you when you're tempted to be anxious? How do they make you feel seen by your Heavenly Father?
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5. In these verses, Jesus exposes that our anxiety often comes from our lack of trust in our Heavenly Father. We worry because we don't trust he will provide for us or give us what we need. What keeps you from seeing God as a good Father you can trust? What are some verses that can help remind us that the Lord can be trusted at all times?

PRAY TO CLOSE.