



Week 17

Series: Equipped

Sermon Title: The Wisdom of Generosity

Sermon Text: Luke 12:22-34

Group Week of: August 18, 2024

Sermon Date: August 25, 2024

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	Sermon on the Mount – Matt 6:25-34
Day 2	Don't Be Afraid – Joshua 1:1-9
Day 3	Fear & Trust – Psalm 56
Day 4	The Lord My Shepherd – Psalm 23
Day 5	Israel's Shepherd – Ezekiel 34

The Text: Luke 12:27-34

²⁷ “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) you see Jesus giving to His disciples (and us) through this text?
- 2) What reasons does Jesus give for us not to worry or fear?
- 3) What does it mean to “seek” and to “set your heart”?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) While we don't know the particular flower being referenced, the main possibilities are autumn cross, turk's cap lily, anemone, or gladiolus. Please take the time to search for these flowers so that you can see what they look like. Jesus says that these flowers are simply God's way of clothing the grass of the field. Take a few minutes to reflect on our God, who decides to clothe grass with garments far more beautiful than mankind could ever create. What sorts of thoughts about God come out of that for you?
- 2) Field grass was primarily for grazing, but beyond that dried, field grass could be thrown into the fire for a quick burst of heat. If God desires to clothe grass like this, how much more can we be sure that He will take care of us?
- 3) In these verses, "set your heart" and "seek" are repeatedly used to tell us how not to approach the things of this world and how to approach the Kingdom of God. Using your answer to question 3 in the textual questions, what does it look and feel like for a disciple of Jesus to set their heart upon and seek after the Kingdom of God?
- 4) As you seek the Kingdom of God and stop seeking the things of this world, you might end up worried about your needs not being met. Write a list of the different things you've been worried about this past week. As you do that, try to differentiate between a peaceful or neutral time of planning and a fretful or anxious time of repeated thoughts.
- 5) When you feel worried, what beliefs, thoughts, or questions do you have about God? Try to differentiate between the truths you try to remind yourself of and the actual beliefs that guide your emotions.
- 6) Although God's Word repeatedly tells us to "fear not," simply telling a scared person not to be afraid never relieves their fears. So, God also provides us with promises and comforting truths to pull us out of our fears and grant peace to our hearts. What are the promises Jesus gives in this text? Which of them is most comforting to you? Why? Share your answers and reasons with your life group.
- 7) Ultimately, all of this is about worship: "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Take your worries above and think about how *worship* is the way out of your fears and into God's peace. Write out a very specific set of God's attributes you need to seek after and commit to meditating on them daily.