

Lesson #2

The New Priority of My Revived Life

When Jesus told His disciples not to worry about the world's priorities, He gave them something far more important to concern themselves with: the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:31-33). This shift in values can change everything about our perspective; and if we really grab hold of what Jesus is saying here, it can change our daily schedule as well.

CURIOSITY QUESTIONS

Growing up, what would you say the top priorities were in your home? To what extent have you carried those priorities into your own lifestyle as an adult?

Many people admit they have a hard time prioritizing in today's culture. We certainly have freedom to prioritize as we wish, so why don't we?

MOVING INTO GOD'S WORD

Matthew 6:19-34 - Instead of organizing life around the pursuit of earthly power, praise, and riches, Jesus spoke of a kingdom organized around humility, love, and faith. In this text He calls us to rethink our attachment to money as security, inviting us instead to "worry" about more important things. Why do you think we naturally end up worrying so much?

In matters of earthly importance, how can we tell the difference between wise concern and sinful worry?

Jesus calls us in verse 33 to consider areas of eternal importance—His kingdom and His righteousness. How might we practically understand these terms? What do they mean for us?

Seeking His kingdom:

Seeking His righteousness:



Romans 12:1-2 – Paul follows eleven chapters of Romans that speak to the exceedingly abundant grace of God by asking us to think about what our response will be to His mercy. When we see how much love God has poured into our lives, what will we say? How will we act?

What do these verses teach about our priorities moving forward?

The last part of verse two gives us hope that the priorities God has in mind for us are knowable, and they are certainly desirable as well! According to the text, what must we do to gain a right view of these priorities, and to feel confident in our next steps?

Matthew 22:34-40 – In this famous exchange, Jesus reveals the heartbeat of all God’s laws—essentially, the purpose of our lives. How does this help us clarify our personal priorities, and help us understand the meaning of what a kingdom-first life would entail?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

I would like to reduce my prioritization of:

I would like to increase my prioritization of:

During the Life Action event, I was challenged to make _____ more of a priority in my life. So far, I have followed up on this challenge by: _____

PRAYER TIME

To whatever extent is appropriate, share before the Lord and your group what is written in the two boxes above, and pray to offer yourself afresh to the Lord, as Romans 12:1 describes.

Then, take time to pray for each other regarding the priorities Jesus set for us in Matthew 6:33.