

Week 2: Priority

Overview: Jesus teaches us to stop chasing the wrong things and instead seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Seeking Him first brings peace, clarity, and the confidence that God will provide everything we truly need.

Key Scripture: Matthew 6:27-33

CONTENT

Key Takeaway: When God becomes priority, everything else will fall into the right place.

Key Points:

- **The Roadblock:** worry comes from wrong priority
 - We must prioritize trust in God – not trying to control the outcome or worrying about lack of control
 - Students juggle schoolwork, parents, friendships, and even their own personal time
 - Which can become roadblocks to setting true and life-changing priorities.
 - When the urgent become more important than the eternal, anxiety increases
 - Jesus says worry cannot “add a single hour” (v27)
- **The Truth:** God knows what you need
 - Jesus point to the flowers – beautifully clothed without striving or anything they did on their own.
 - God knows your needs better than you do (Matthew 6:8)
 - You don't need to chase everything – Just chase after Him
- **The Reset:** seek first the kingdom
 - Seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness (v. 33)
 - What does seeking the Kingdom first bring?
 - It aligns your heart
 - Peace grows when God is first
 - It changes the way you see everything
 - School becomes mission not pressure
 - Sports become worship not identity
 - Relationships become ministry not validation
 - It opens the door for Gods provision
 - God will provide everything you need
 - He reorders your desires
 - He removes the pressure to chase what He already knows you need

Gospel Application: Because Jesus gave his life for us on the cross and rose again in victory, we are free from chasing lesser priorities, his sacrificial love makes seeking the kingdom both possible and joyful.

Key Question: What is one specific area of your week where you need to shift your priorities to seek God's kingdom first instead of last?

APPLICATION

Activity Suggestions:

- Brainstorm ways that you can use your influence in your schools/sports teams/other areas that would help to shift your priorities. Some things could include:
 - Writing scripture/encouragement on sticky notes to put on people's lockers
 - Joining or starting a prayer group at your school
 - Sharing the gospel with an unbelieving friend
 - Inviting an unbelieving friend to youth group

Community Group Questions:

1. Share a time where you have felt God's peace that was greater than your circumstances.
2. Take some time to discuss worry and anxiety. How can we trust God amidst both struggles? How can we support each other when struggling with worry or anxiety?
3. Do you think there is a benefit to prioritizing God over things of the world?
4. How can you "seek first the kingdom" this week?