



Kingdom Culture

sermon on the mount series

February 5th

PERSONAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION

MATTHEW 6:33

33. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Many of us have played the game “if you had three wishes...” The other day my 2-year-old grandson wished for a donut. It was granted by us his be-spoiling grandparents the very s next visit. What in the past have you said in response to this ‘three wishes’ question?

What does this reveal about what you truly value?

Discuss: Have a look at what Jesus says regarding pagans running after certain things. “In all truth Christians these days are no different. They want and pursue what everyone else does.”

Jesus in Mark 4:19 talks about spiritual seed that had its life choked out of it. How do the things listed there add insight to our current passage.

What does the Heavenly Father say about ‘these things’ vs 32?

So, if our material needs are necessary and acknowledge by God as such, what does “Seek first his kingdom and righteousness” really mean and what might ‘first’ mean?

Someone once used an illustration about priorities when they said, “If your get the top button of your shirt in the top hole, all the rest will line up perfectly” How might this relate to verse 33?

We all have worries. As you read this some of your current concerns might spring readily to mind. What are they? Read 1 Peter 5:7 and Philipians 4:6-7 and follow their lead in prayer.