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“Seek First”

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Seeking God First to Follow Him

The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew chapter 5, 6, 7

Jesus said: *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.* Matthew 6:33

What does that mean?

Following Jesus is NOT about developing a Religion. It's about developing a *Relationship* with God.

What you really *believe* and **value** will show up in **HOW you live your life.**

Seeking God first, following Him will
[transform every area of your life.](#)

Matt. 6:34 “So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

Prayer is a weapon, use it! Phil. 4:6-7

How can you tell how you are doing, seeking and following Him?

Are you producing this kind of fruit?

“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you” Matt. 7:12

TALK IT OVER

Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your LifeGroup. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

1. What does it mean to you to “seek the kingdom first?”
 - How would you counsel someone looking to seek first the kingdom and God’s righteousness?
2. What are some ways we can value money over the Kingdom?
 - Can we struggle with an unhealthy love of money, even if we don’t have much?
 - What might that look like?
3. When Jesus called those first disciples to follow him, what kinds of things do you think they were expecting?
 - What kinds of experiences do you think they never would have asked for or imagined?
 - What good came of those?
4. Read Matthew 7:15-27. The defining marks of a disciple show up when the storms come. What does your response to difficulty, disappointment, and opposition reveal about what you value?
 - How can times of ease and plenty also reveal our values?

Pray: Take some time to pray for one another.

Memory Verse for February: 1 Corinthians 11:1

