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OVERVIEW

- Worldview – a particular philosophy of life or conception of the world. It's what a person believes about truth and the world in which they make decisions.
- Biblical Worldview – the means of experiencing, interpreting, and responding to reality from a biblical perspective.
- The definition of “but” - *A conjunction that means “on the contrary,” and is used to indicate contrast or opposition between elements in a sentence.*

REMEMBER LAST WEEK ON TEMPTATION

- The enemy tempts us with non-eternal worldly things to get us to question God and ourselves
- God allows us to be tested temptation so we can learn to trust Him and not in ourselves or in our stuff
- Temptation reveals the desires of our heart and challenges where we derive our self-worth and identity.
- Jesus responds to the devil that we are not to live our lives for bread alone (rudimentary provisions) but instead on every word of God.
- This week we will look at what Jesus has to say to us about this truth

THIS WEEK: SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM - Matthew 6:19-34

Matthew 6:19-34 (NIV) - 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. 23But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. 25 **“Therefore I tell you,** do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? 28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32**For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM WHAT JESUS TELLS US?

- Store up treasures in heaven, not here in earth
- Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also
- If your eyes (your desires) are healthy your body (life) will be too, but if your eyes are unhealthy, your life will be too.
- You cannot serve two masters, you will have to choose God or the things of the world
- Do not worry about your life or your stuff – does worrying add anything?
- Don't worry about tomorrow, be present today
- Pagans run after (seek) worldly things
- Disciples of Jesus run after (seek) his kingdom and his righteousness and have faith that God will provide all they need.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH OTHERS:

- What do you worry about? Are these things eternal or temporal?
- If you were to think about what you think about, is your focus (your eyes) more often set on the things of the world or on the things of the kingdom?
- Based on your calendar and bank account what would you say your heart is set on, His kingdom or yours?
- How have you seen God provide for you when you have decided to not worry, trust him and choose to seek him and his kingdom in the midst?
- In what ways have you grown in the area of worry and kingdom priority over worldly priority?
- Who do you know that could benefit from you sharing your steps of growth? Will you share?
- What is one next step you can take in growing as a disciple of Jesus in these areas?
- Who can you share this with that can help keep you accountable?