



Week of May 7 - a

Scripture: Mt 6:25-34

Main Idea: Jesus tells the crowd to not worry about their daily needs. He explains that God provides for the birds, flowers, and grass and that as humans, we are worth much more to God. Jesus teaches us to seek first his kingdom and we will be given all these things as well.

Questions

Preschool: Jesus tells us not to worry about anything. Do you ever worry about things? Like what? What does Jesus want you to do when you worry? (A: pray and ask God to help you)

Grade school: Do you worry about where your next meal will come from or where your next set of clothes will come from? You probably don't, but your parents might worry about those things and not tell you. Did Jesus want us to worry about those things? Why not?

Teen: Jesus tells us worrying will not help us. When we feel anxious, what are some things we could do to help us stop worrying? When We put God first, he provides for all of our needs. How does knowing this help you? Why is it important to stay in the present with Jesus, and not worry about what hasn't happened yet?

Adult: Have you ever been consumed by worry? Did it help the situation when you worried about it? What actually changed the circumstances? Was it action on your or someone else's part? Sometimes people will feel helpless in a situation and say, "well, the only thing we can do now, is pray." The truth is, the most effective thing we can ever do is pray! And the least effective thing we can do, is to worry and fret.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY:

For God to help us to worry less about our physical needs, and to focus more on seeking his Kingdom.

May Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.



Week of **May 7 - b**

Scripture: Mt 7:1-5

Main Idea: Jesus taught his audience about being too judgmental. He tells them to consider their own faults first and deal with those, before focusing on helping someone else with their faults. Otherwise, we would be acting hypocritically.

Questions

Preschool: Do you ever watch the way someone is acting and think they shouldn't be acting that way? Jesus teaches us, if we are going to tell someone they are doing wrong, to think about if we ever do wrong, first.

Grade school: Do you ever look at someone in your school and think badly about them, such as that maybe they lie or steal. If you are going to talk to them about it, what does Jesus say you should do first? (A: humbly think of your own mistakes or shortcomings)

Teen: Are we more helpful to others after we look inward at our own faults? Why do you think that is? Why should we treat others in a way that we do not want to be treated? Is how we judge others going to affect how we are judged by God?

Adult: Have you ever heard this quoted as an injunction against judging anyone for any behavior? When you read the whole passage, is that what Jesus was teaching, that no one can be judged? Or is he teaching that we will be judged as we judge others? Why is this an important distinction?

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY:

For God to help us be more humble and always consider our own sins, before helping someone else with sin in their life.

May Memory Verse:

Philippians 4:13 (ESV)

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