

Weekly Study Guide

The week of March 22, 2015

Daily Readings

Monday	Matthew 6:19-23	Tuesday	Matthew 6:24	Wednesday	Matthew 6:25-34
Thursday	Luke 12:13-21	Friday	Isaiah 55:1-3	Saturday	James 1:26-27

My notes on this week's readings...

Next Week in Worship

Next week's message: *How the Kingdom Comes*

Next week's readings: Luke 19:28-44

Many of Jesus' biggest fans badly misunderstood him. Many people today make the same mistake. Join us next week as we look into one of Jesus' most climactic moments and learn the power of the Kingdom he brought to earth.

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Group Discussion

Connect

If you hear someone say “Haiti,” what’s the first thing you think of? Has First Lutheran’s partnership with Mission of Hope changed your association with Haiti at all?

Learn

Although today’s passage seems to start in Matthew 6:25, this train of thought began already in 6:24. Read Matthew 6:24.

- Jesus says that it’s impossible to serve two masters. Do you ever feel like you are pulled in two (or more!) directions in life?
- In particular, Jesus says we cannot serve both God and money. When do you think we might experience conflicts between serving God and money?
- Does this passage mean that there’s something inherently bad about money or material things? What problem do you think Jesus is driving at here?

Read Matthew 6:25-34.

- Jesus mentions worry or anxiety frequently in this passage. What things in life do people worry about? What things cause you worry or anxiety?
- If we worry about something, what might that say about our relationship to the things we worry about?

In Matthew 6:31-33, Jesus describes different things that we can “run after” or pursue or seek. In worship today, we learned about pursuing and investing in a “Kingdom portfolio.”

- Have you ever run after or invested yourself in some kind of goal? What was that experience like?
- What do people invest themselves in now?
- What do you think would be involved in “seeking first the Kingdom of God” or investing in a Kingdom portfolio?

Apply

Consider how you are presently investing your time, energy, and talents. Do you think you should rebalance or diversify your portfolio?

Pray

Please join our whole church family in praying for the mission and vision we share in our partnership with Mission of Hope; that every man, woman, and child in Haiti would be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.