

Higher Definition 3 – ENOUGH Discussion & Reflection Guide

Message & Scripture Discussion

- What's one thing you have a hard time getting rid of when you declutter?
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God at work in you through the songs, the story video, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Read through Matthew 6:19-34. This is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount teaching and includes the central verse from the message, Matthew 6:33. What stands out to you from Jesus' words here? What challenges you? What comforts you?
- Tim said there are three things we usually seek first: treasures, life, and the future. Which of these are you most often working to secure or worrying about?
- In the message, Tim walked through Matthew 6:33 one word or phrase at a time. Look at it this way again: "But – seek – first - his kingdom - and his righteousness, - and all these things will be given to you as well." Which word or phrase do you need to put into practice most?
- From an illustration where a parent takes a French fry from one of their kids, these three realizations were shared:
 - $_{\odot}$ $\,$ 1. Your child doesn't understand that you are the source of those fries.
 - $\circ~$ 2. Your child doesn't understand that you have the power over the fries.
 - 3. Your child doesn't understand that you don't need her French fries. You just want her to share.

How do you react when you consider that as an illustration of us, God, and our finances?

- Tim shared this definition of the Kingdom of God: "The Kingdom of God is the world becoming, through Jesus, how God originally designed it." **Do you want to experience the Kingdom of God? How can you participate in his kingdom? (List some practical ideas.)**
- Is there anything else from the message you want to explore more deeply this week?
- After the message, Eddie offered an invitation to put this series' teaching into practice by texting TRUST to 217217. Consider prayerfully and faithfully trusting God with your generosity by making a commitment.

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or with a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

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Message Main Points & Scripture

- Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
- Matthew 6:19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."
- Matthew 6:20-21 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
- Matthew 6:25-26 "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 important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look 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?"
- Matthew 6:28-29 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."
- Matthew 6:30-32 "If 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, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."
- Matthew 6:27 "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?
- TREASURES
 LIFE

FUTURE

- Matthew 6:32 "For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."
- Matthew 6:33 "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
- But
- But <u>Seek</u>
- But Seek *First*
- Matthew 13:44-46 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

- But Seek First <u>His Kingdom</u>
- The Kingdom of God is the world becoming, through Jesus, how God originally designed it.
- YOUR CHILD'S ATTITUDE PROBLEM
- 1. Your child doesn't understand that you are the source of those fries.
- 2. Your child doesn't understand that you have the power over the fries.
- 3. Your child doesn't understand that you don't need her French fries. You just want her to share.
- But Seek First His Kingdom <u>And His righteousness</u>
- But Seek First His Kingdom <u>And His righteousness</u> <u>and ALL these things will be</u> <u>added as well</u>
- "You have to trust that the kingdom of God is the one you want to seek." ~Dallas Willard
- Ephesians 3:20 "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."