

# 102118 Growth Group Study



1. Discussion around most recent sermon:

- a. Date: 10/28/18
- b. Series: Living Right-side Up in an Upside-Down World
- c. Title: **"Some Causes of Anxiety"**
- d. Preacher: Shawn Reese
- e. Scripture Reading / Text: **Matthew 6:19-34 (NIV)**

## *Treasures in Heaven*

<sup>19</sup> **"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

<sup>22</sup> **"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But 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!**

<sup>24</sup> **"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.**

## *Do Not Worry (next week)*

<sup>25</sup> **"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? <sup>26</sup>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? <sup>27</sup>Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?**

<sup>28</sup> **"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup>Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>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—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'" <sup>32</sup>For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup>But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup>Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

## **g. Growth group questions from today's sermon:**

- 1. What anxious thoughts do you have today?**
- 2. What treasures are you investing in?**
  - Why are treasures on earth considered insecure?
- 3. What are you focusing your vision (eyes) on?**
- 4. Why does Jesus say you cannot serve both God and money?**
- 5. How can we attain true rest?**
- 6. Discuss as a group "potential idol spotter questions":**
  - What do I fear?
  - Where do I resist God's word?
  - What gives me hope for the future?
  - What is it that gives me greatest delight?

## **h. Reference Text/Books:**

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*
- Frederick Dale Bruner, *The Christbook: Matthew 1-12*
- John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*