

It Started with Twelve #9

The Attitude of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 12:22-34

Sermon Outline

Lesson #1: There is more to life than worrying about how we can get more material things (v. 22-24)

Lesson #2: Worrying about things we cannot control will not change our life situation for the better (v. 25-28)

Lesson #3: Worrying shows the world that our God is insignificant (v. 29-31)

Conclusion: When you stop worrying, you learn to trust God (v. 32-34)

Discussion Questions

1. What are some usual anxieties that you fret about unnecessarily?
2. Read Luke 12:22-23. Why did Jesus start talking about worry in verse 22 (refer also to the parable of the Rich Fool on verses 13-21)? There are three lessons we can learn from this passage in relation to our attitude in discipleship. The first lesson is that *there is more to life than worrying about how we can get more material things*. Why do you think this statement is so true? What happens when we spend all our life wanting more?
3. What are the differences between needs and wants, between luxuries and essentials? Is it wrong to live a luxurious life if you can afford it? When does the pursuit of wanting more become unhealthy?
4. What can we learn from how God takes care of the birds, plants and nature? What happens when we trust God for our basic needs?
5. The second lesson we can learn from the passage is that *worrying about things we cannot control will not change our life situation for the better* (verses 25-29). Why do you think this lesson is true? Could you give life examples that prove to us that worrying is such a useless task, and so we might as well stop worrying?
6. Lastly, *worrying shows the world that our God is insignificant* (verses 29-31).

On what basis should we not worry (v. 30)? Please share with the group how you have experienced the fact that God knows and meets your needs.

7. Trusting in God and worrying are inversely related in the walk of discipleship. The more you worry, the less you trust God; and the less you worry, the more you trust God. Is this true in your life? How does what you know about our God allow you to worry less.
8. What does seeking God's kingdom mean, and what did He promise to us if we trust Him (verse 31)? How can we seek God's kingdom?
9. Jesus is equating trust to discipleship in verses 32-34. He stated that it pleases God to give us all, and then He gave an instruction to release our earthly treasure and to store our treasure in heaven instead. What does He mean? How can we store treasures in heaven? What does it teach us about trust?

Walk

The attitude of discipleship is trusting God in all things. Are you willing to hand over all your worries to Him?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Pray for a deeper, more intimate, personal relationship with God.
- Pray for the concerns of each member of your group. Pray for wisdom and strength for Rev. Stephen Tan and all the ministers.
- Pray for wisdom and strength to prepare for the summer and anniversary activities.
- Pray for strengthening of the Life Groups.
- Pray for blessings upon all baptismal candidates who will publicly proclaim their faith and commitment to Christ.
- Pray for healing of Angelina Dy, Nestor, SL, Lucina Tan, Susie Yu, Segundo Yu, Ernesto Go, Margarita, DPT, REC, Jack.
- Pray for Christians to be peacemakers.
- Pray for protection of Christian families.