

# 4: Seek His Kingdom

Connected to NEBC 1/31/2021 Sermon

## BIG IDEA

The call of God to *Live for Christ* is a call to seek a Kingdom that is bigger and grander than our own. In our pursuit of God's Kingdom, we are to recognize that we don't have to worry or fear the loss of our own needs because God provides for his disciples and for his Kingdom. If we are focused on and working towards God's Kingdom, our treasure and heart will be found in it.

## GETTING STARTED

Use the following questions to break the ice and begin your group discussion together:

- *Have you ever found yourself lost? You didn't start off your adventure or car trip trying to get lost... it just happened. Who has a good story about accidentally getting lost? What was the experience like and did you ever find out how it happened?*

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Read the following Scriptures together and then use the questions below (or any you wish to add) to discuss the text and unpacking its meaning.



Have someone in your group read **Luke 12:22-34**.

- What do you know about the book of Luke? Who was it written to and why was it written?



**The CONTEXT of Luke:**

*The Gospel according to Luke is a biography about the good news (or Gospel) of Jesus. Luke was a gentile (non-Jew) physician who accompanied the Apostle Paul in some of his evangelism/mission endeavors. Luke's desire in his Gospel is that his readers (Theophilus and us) would come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and that we might have confidence in our faith in Jesus.*

- What is Luke's main point in Luke 12:22-34? Summarize his big idea in your own words.
- Luke speaks of a lot of things that we are NOT do, what are they? In contrast Luke also tells us what TO do, what are they?
- How does this text inform us of where we should put our lives focus and trust? What is the "why" behind this focus and trust?
- In your own words what you think it means to "seek his kingdom" (vs.31)?

## GETTING PRACTICAL

Discuss the following questions together as a group, giving particular thought to how we are called to live based on what the Scriptures have said.

1. When you think about your life, what you need and what your family needs, what would you list out? How are these things provided for you and for your family? Who provides them?
2. As Christians we know that we *should* see our provision of what we need as coming from God... but so often we stress and worry as if we are 100% responsible for our provision. Why do we struggle to see God as our provider?
3. How does seeking God's Kingdom first help us recognize God as provider? And how does seeking God's Kingdom first help shape our heart and focus off of worry and fear?
4. What could we do this week to help us remember to "Live for Christ"? How might we encourage each other this week to follow through on living for Christ?