



Community Group Study Guide 03.20.2011

When Down is Up Luke 12:31-32

Passage: ³¹"But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom."

Outline:

- A. Take a Risk (v.31)
- B. See God's Care (v.32)
 - 1. He knows how we tend to feel at times
 - 2. He is a Gentle Shepherd
 - 3. He is a Caring Father
 - 4. He is a Cheerful Giver

For Discussion:

1. What are some ways a Christian seeks God's Kingdom first? How can it feel risky at times?
2. Right after being told to "seek His Kingdom", Jesus reminds us of His care. He states, "Do not be afraid..." (v.32). Read Luke 12:22-25. What are some of the things that we tend to worry about? How can we stop worrying so much?
3. Included in God's care is the concept of us being His "little flock". Read John 10:3-4. Have you seen God go before you? Have you sensed His voice in your life?
4. What does it mean to you that God is your Father? Do you have a skewed view of a Father? How is God different than your earthly dad?
5. According to verse 32, God has chosen "gladly" (cheerfully) to give kingdom-seekers the kingdom. Would you agree that the problem in the world is not a lack of resources, but a lack of worshippers? How can we be better kingdom-seekers?

Application: State some of your worries and give them over to God today. Pray for each other to shed some of the concerns that tie us down and to think freely and creatively about how to seek first the kingdom.