

**Study Guide**  
**Matthew 6:19-34**  
**The Kingdom Has Come!**

**Big Idea:** Freedom is a life-shaping mindset.

1. What are some of your favorite possessions? Is it wrong to enjoy things?
2. Read Matt. 6:19-21. What does it mean to lay up treasures on earth and in heaven? Describe the concept that you become what you do. (v.21)
3. Read Matt. 6:22-23. How is our eye a gateway to our hearts and how does what we view shape us?
4. Read Matt. 6:24. Discuss the concept that we can't serve (slave to) two masters (see also Romans 6:16a). How can serving the wrong master lead to bondage instead of freedom?
5. Read Matt. 6:25-32.  
Share with the group what you tend to worry about the most. Discuss freedom from worry as illustrated by Christ...  
Life (v. 25)  
Birds (v.26-28)  
Lilies (v. 29-30a)  
Faith (v.30b-32)

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What does it mean in your context to "seek first" the Kingdom of God?

Pray with each other about what that can look like in the next few months.

## Message Slides

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### I. Freedom- You Become What you Do (v.19-21)

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#### Guaranteed Rewards

Crown of glory (1 Pet. 5:2-4)	<i>shepherding/care</i>
Crown of life (James 1:12)	<i>steadfast under trial</i>
Crown of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8)	<i>purity</i>
Crown of victory (1 Cor. 9:25)	<i>disciplined life</i>
Crown of joy (1 Thess. 2:19)	<i>sharing your faith with others</i>
Great Reward (Matt. 5:12)	<i>persecution</i>
Treasures in Heaven (Matt. 6:20)	<i>generosity</i>

G. Campbell Morgan says, "You are to remember with the passion burning within you that you are not the child of today, you are not of the earth, you are more than dust, you are the child of tomorrow, you are of the eternities, you are the offspring of deity..."

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Matt. 10:41-42

"The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward."

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### II. Freedom- You Become what you View (v.22-23)

<sup>22</sup>“The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, <sup>23</sup>but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

### III. Freedom- You Become One Thing (v.24)

<sup>24</sup>“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

#### Romans 6:16a

“Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey...”

### Psalm 23 (the dark side)

“The devil is my taskmaster; I will always be in lack. I aimlessly wander in dry, barren meadows; he drives me through raging rivers of unrest, he wearies my life. In accordance with his nature, he deceptively sends me down the wrong way deeper into sin. Though I travel on the sides of the mountains of life, peace, and happiness, I am filled with anxiety and dread from the evil that still lies all around me: for the devil is always near me; his club and his dagger they distress me. He prepares a trap before me in the presence of my enemies; He cares nothing about my health and well-being; my cup is empty. Surely iniquity and ruthlessness shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will never be able to live in the house of the Lord for even a day, much less forever.”

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### IV. Freedom from Worry (v.25)

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

### IV. Freedom from Worry (v.26-28)

<sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing?

**Include Image Birds**

### IV. Freedom from Worry (v.29-30a)

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you,

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#### IV. Freedom from Worry (v.30b-32)

O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

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#### Add Reflection Questions

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1. Identify where you may be discouraged, and ask God to lift your spirit to continue investing in eternal things.

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2. Take a few moments to confess laying up too many treasures on earth. Ask God to set you free to lay up treasures in heaven.

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3. Thank God for providing everything we need for life and godliness. Ask God to help you seek His Kingdom first.

**Matthew 6:33** (*read together at the end of the service*).

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