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"Do Not Worry?"

Mt 6:24-34

Today's BIG Idea:

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1) What does it mean to be anxious/worried?

Merimnaō : to be troubled with cares

From the context of this passage, we get some hints at what the cares involve:

- About worldly _____ (vs 19-24)
- About _____ (vs 25)
- About what you will eat, drink, or wear _____ needs (vs 25-26)
- About the _____ (vs 34)

2) Is it sinful to be anxious?

- Remember who is telling us not to be anxious: _____the Son (vs 25)
- Is it sinful to do something God tells us not to do?

"Do not be anxious about anything.."- Phil 4:6a

 Having the humility to recognizing our action as _____, is the first step in dealing with ______.

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, **casting all your anxieties on him**, because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7

- 3) How can the follower of Chris shed the worries/anxiety of this world? 4 Things to remember from this passage:
 - Remember God's _____
 - Remember who tells us not to worry: Christ who died for us (vs. 25)
 - Remember who takes care of us: _____ the Father (vs. 26,30,& 32)
 - Remember the _____ of worrying (vs 27)
 - Remember our _____ purpose (vs 33)

A Kingdom mindset changes the things we ______

- Eternal treasures instead of earthly
- The righteousness of God instead of the ways of the world

You don't exist to acquire earthly possessions; you exist to put the possession He has given you to work for His glory, for His kingdom.

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APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Do you ever find yourself worried or anxious about anything? In filtering those worries/anxieties through the lens of scripture, are they sinful worries/anxieties?
- 2. How can you apply Christ's teachings from Matthew 6:25-34 to your worries/anxieties to find relief from them?
- 3. Can you think of a time when God relieved you or delivered you from a specific worry/anxiety? Take a moment to recount that and give thanks to God.