



4. a) Despite the fact that Jesus knew real want (**Matthew 8:20**), what does Jesus call attention to in **Matthew 6:26a** and how is our heavenly Father portrayed? Read David's psalm of praise, **Psalms 145:15-19**, and note how he portrays the bounty of the LORD.
- b) When have you experienced the bounty of God? How can that experience renew your thinking in times of want?
5. Rewrite the two important questions Jesus asks in **Matthew 6:26b-27** and derive a truth from them about worrying.
6. a) In **V28-30**, what worry does Jesus turn to with his next question and how does He demonstrate that peace is possible from nature and Scripture?
- b) From **V30**, where do you see the generous nature of God embedded in the question? How does Jesus refer to the person He is addressing and what does that say about how to live without worry? **Hebrews 11:6** may provide insight.
7. What do **V31-33** disclose about how those with kingdom priorities live? When Jesus says "all these things will be given to you" (**V33**), is this a promise without any qualifiers? Explain your reasoning.

8. Summarize what Jesus tells the crowd in **V34** about a mindset of scarcity for the future. How are the following verses a balm for your worries today?

- **Summarize what Jesus says V34:**

- **2 Corinthians 12:8-10**

- **Philippians 4:6-7**

- **Philippians 4:11-13**

- **Philippians 4:19**

9. **JESUS SAID: DO NOT WORRY**

Job, about whom the book of Job was written, lost everything – his children, his possessions, his health. He said, “What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.” **Job 3:25**. God allowed the things Job worried about, leaving him in turmoil and questioning, until Job repented in His presence and proclaimed to Him, “I know you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.” **Job 42:2**

Recall a time when your worry proved warranted and what you feared came to pass. God did not give you what you thought you needed or gave you something you thought you could not bear. How have you reconciled this with the fact that God can do all things and that no purpose of His can be thwarted? Bring your turmoil and your questions to Him. Allow your group to pray for you and seek the peace of God.

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 4:6-7**

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