

The Wheel (verse #1)

Keep Christ the Center (Matthew 6:33)

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” NLT

Write on the back side of this sheet if you need more room to write.

- 1) Read Matthew 6:19-34, highlighting the commands/instructions.
- 2) What does God command us to do 3 times in this passage (v25, 31, 34)? We don't need to worry because of the incredible promise he gives in v33. What is that promise?
- 3) What two things is that promise conditioned upon us doing? Do we need to do both to receive the promise?
- 4) KINGDOM OF GOD Highlight the key thoughts from these two Bible commentaries:

“To seek first the kingdom of God is to desire above all to enter into, submit to, and participate in spreading the news of the saving reign of God, ... and to live so as to store up treasures in heaven (6:19-21) ... It is to pursue the things already prayed for in the first three petitions of the Lord's Prayer (6:9-10). D. A. Carson The Expositor's Bible Commentary

“If you don't seek first the Kingdom, if the goal of your life is not the advancement of the Kingdom of God, if the goal of your life is not the pursuit of the righteousness of Christ, if that's not the case, then God does not necessarily have to provide everything. It may be that He withholds some things as a chastening.” John MacArthur <http://www.gty.org/resources/sermons/80-193>.
- 5) What is Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19-20 on the main way to advance the Kingdom of God? And what are his two commands on how to do it?
- 6) ABOVE ALL ELSE In Matthew 16:24-26 Jesus teaches what will keep us from seeking His Kingdom above all else. Explain in your own words how to do the three things in v24 that Jesus says we must do to be His followers?
- 7) In v25 he combines the three v24 requirements into one requirement. What is that one requirement? In v25 and v26 what will we lose if we don't do this? And in v25 what will happen if we do this?
- 8) RIGHTEOUSLY To live righteously is to live the way God requires, to obey his commands. In Joshua 1:8 what do we need to do to be sure we obey everything? And what will God do if we obey everything?
- 9) Explain, as if you were talking to a friend, what Matthew 6:33 means.
- 10) Tell God (if you are you willing) that you will seek the Kingdom of God (make reproducing disciples) above all else (give up your life) and live righteously (obey everything)? How will you do this in the next few days?
- 11) Part of meditation is asking the question “God, how can I do this today?” For the next 7 days really focus on mediating day and night (Joshua 1:8) on Matthew 6:33. At the end of each day put a check if you've been able to ask God “how can I do this today” at least 3 times. We're doing this to develop the extremely helpful habit of mediating day and night. Sunday [], Monday [], Tuesday [], Wednesday [], Thursday [], Friday [], Saturday []
- 12) Who needs to hear this incredible good news that God will give them everything they need if they ...? And will you share it with them this week?