

Thy Kingdom Come: Seeking God's Kingdom

Reflect

1. Have you ever gazed at a beautiful mountain? What emotions did you feel?
2. What are some words you would use to describe a mountain? How would these words compare to the words you would use to describe God?
3. How do you feel knowing that God has you safe in His care? Is this ever difficult to believe? Why or why not?

Read Your Bible

- Psalm 121
- Matthew 6:25-34

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What are some things in life that cause you to worry?
2. What do you think of Jesus' example concerning the way God cares for the birds in the sky? What does this make you think about?
3. Would you say you like to plan things out, or do you live a spontaneous life? Consider the areas of your life that are planned/spontaneous.
4. Do you ever have a difficult time trusting God? Trusting that He will provide for your every need? Explain.
5. What areas of your life do you like to have control over and struggle giving up that control?

6. What do you think it means to seek first *His* Kingdom and *His* Righteousness?

7. What does Jesus say will happen when we seek His Kingdom first?

8. What are some steps you can take, or things that you can consider, so that you can take one day at a time and not worry about the next? Write some of your thoughts down on a piece of paper.

Conclusion

- Our God is a Mighty God who is worthy of all glory, power, and honor. Not only this, but He is worthy of our deepest trust. Many of us love to worry and carry the weight of the world on our shoulders because it gives us a sense of control over things. But here's the thing...what if we never truly had control in the first place? What if the weight of the world on our shoulders was not the smartest, wisest or even easiest thing we could be doing? What if someone had already carried that weight for us so that we didn't have to? Someone did. His name is Jesus. Jesus carried the weight of every single sin in the world on His shoulders when He died on the Cross. Those around Him who struggled trusting His plan and wanted control of that moment were miserable and had lost all hope because to them He was not coming back. They did not trust God's plan and so they worried. However, on the third day, Jesus rose from the dead in glorious light reminding us that God's light and His will shine in the darkness. All we need to do is trust in Him and surrender to Him. We may not always have the power to control, but we do always have the power to surrender. What are the things in your life that you need to surrender to God today?

Pray

- Great God in Heaven, who am I that You are mindful of me? I am but a vapor in the wind, and yet, You provide for my every need. Thank You, my Lord, and my God. Please help me to trust You in every area of my life. To accept the things I cannot change, to change the things I can, and to trust You through complete surrender. May the life of faith and trust that I live bring You glory until my final breath. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen!