

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK EIGHT

IN GOLD WE TRUST – WHAT’S FIRST?

ICEBREAKER: How would I know if were anxious...or would I?

STORY: Who is sharing their story this week? 3 positives and 3 negatives that have impacted who you are today.

READ: Matthew 6:24-25

QUESTION: What things do you think people are most anxious about today?

QUESTION: What might have been some sources of anxiety in Jesus’ day? **Basic necessities – food, clothes, shoes**

READ: Matthew 6:26-27

QUESTION: What does Jesus point to that is critical in dealing with our anxiety?

Examining our perspective, our focus, and our priority over our circumstances and ourselves.

QUESTION: How do we practically do this on a day to day basis? **Look around. See what God IS doing. Get our eyes off ourselves. Ask what we truly believe about God’s care for us.**

READ: Matthew 6:31-33

QUESTION: Based on what Jesus said, how can we make this shift in perspective? **Seek His kingdom and the values there FIRST. Serve to be great. Remember the last will be first. Prioritize your thinking and your lifestyle choices.**

PATRICK SAID: *When you put YOU first it's hard to say no to you.*

QUESTION: How do we typically decide what we are going to give to others? How do we order it? **Most people order it: *Live/Save/Give* because we think it will give us a better life.**

QUESTION: Patrick suggested flipping the script to *Give/Save/Live*. What makes that challenging for us?

LEADER PRAYER: *God help us be more aware of where our anxiety is coming from. Show us how we can flip the script in our perspective and in our giving. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

LEADER: Who will share their story next week?
Baptism is coming up Palm Sunday Weekend!
Talk about the importance of baptism as a next step in your faith.
Encourage members to sign up online and make plans to come and cheer on your group members.

EVERYBODY WORKS: Sign up to serve with your group on your campus or in the community!