

HOW TO SURVIVE THE END OF THE WORLD

2. Live for Something Bigger | Discussion Notes

Read Matthew 6.25-34 together and then watch the Summary Video.

- What things in your life, or in the world at large, are causing you worry right now?
- "Are you not much more valuable"? Do you feel valuable to your Heavenly Father - or is this more of an abstract concept? Is there anything we can do to grow in our confidence that God cares for us and is concerned for our wellbeing?
- The Kingdom of God is God's dream for humanity. It's the answer to the question, what would life look like if Jesus was in charge. Take one aspect of your life - your workplace, your community, your family, a relationship, an interest. Take it in turns to describe what it would look like if Jesus 'did' that aspect of your life.
- We don't talk about the Kingdom of God nearly enough. Our faith is much more focused on self-help. Discuss!
- Philip said that so many Christians have a 'left overs' faith. We prioritise our own stuff and then give God what's left over. We're seeking second the Kingdom of God. Is this fair?
- Why do we find it hard to seek first God's Kingdom, while trusting Him to take care of our pressing needs?
- What would it look like for you to seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness above everything else in your life right now? What would it mean for your time, your energies, your finances, your commitments, your diary? Is there anything practical that you could do right now to move towards that?

BIG IDEA: Jesus tells us to not worry about our present troubles. We are precious to our Heavenly Father and He will care for us. Instead, we are to pursue His Dream for Humanity above all other things.

Earlier on we described what the Kingdom of God might look like in one aspect of our lives. Break into groups of two or three and pray about that vision of the world. Pray for God to strengthen and anoint you to help bring the Kingdom there. Pray also for all the areas of worry and concern you have right now. Pray for a revelation of God's care and love. Pray that we know that we are so valuable to our Heavenly Father.