Hope Chapel Sunday Series - Continues

Message Summary: Today we look at the specific "fear of not having enough". The fear of not having enough affects our decisions on how we live a healthy and happy life. Jesus knew this specific fear was an issue for all people and that's why He addresses it in Matthew 6. When you operate and live in God's kingdom you will never lack. You'll have everything you need and much more. Jesus calls us to freedom, not bondage to fear scarcity. God is calling you to walk, operate and living in His kingdom of abundance not the world's kingdom of scarcity. The Kingdom of God is **One of freedom and One of provision.**

Courage to Face Our Fears - part 2

Our Fear of Not Having Enough

Matthew 6:24-34

The "Worries of Humanity" - 5-F's

- Worry about Finances, v.24
- Worry about Food, v.25
- Worry about Fitness, v.27
- Worry about Fashion, v.28
- Worry about Future, v.34
- 1. Understand your life is more than physical things v.25
- 2. You are more valuable to God than His Creation v.26
- 3. This fear makes us look and act like the world v.32
- 4. Prioritize God's Kingdom in Your Life v.33
- A. We seek God's Kingdom with our Time
- B. We seek God's Kingdom in our Relationships
- C. We seek God's Kingdom in our Values
- D. We seek God's Kingdom with our Generosity

LifeGroup Questions -

Begin It (5min) - Open in Prayer & Praise

Open it (10min) – Has COVID or other events of this last year fueled the <u>fear of not having enough</u> in you in any way? Explain.

Explore It (60min) – Read Matthew 6:25-34 - Discussion Questions:

- 1. Jesus tells us that life is more than the physical in verse 25. How is our fear connected to us focusing too much on the physical? If life is more than the physical, what else is it about?
- 2. Why does Jesus focus on how God cares for His creation? How does knowing this and we are more valuable to God than His physical creation help us deal with fear?
- 3. How does this specific fear make us look just like the rest of the world? How does this fear conform us to think and act like the world?
- 4. Discuss Romans 12:2. How is the world conforming people to be afraid? How do we resist this influence and be transformed instead?
- 5. Jesus says in Matthew 6:33 to Seeking the Kingdom of God as the alternative to the fear of not having enough. Discuss the four ways we prioritize the Kingdom of God "above all else" in our lives.

APPLY IT (15min): What has God revealed to you from this message or through your group discussion that will bring more peace and calm to your life?