

**First Things First**  
**Prioritizing Life in the Kingdom of God**

**Matthew 6:33**

**Small Group or Family Study Guide**

**The CONTEXT**

1. Matthew's gospel
2. The Sermon on the Mount
3. The things that worry us
  - a. What we will eat
  - b. What we will wear
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The fundamental answer to worry:  
You are \_\_\_\_\_ to God

**The CRUX of the matter**

1. Seek first his kingdom
  - a. Pursue the King
  - b. Honor his authority in two realms
  - c. Accept your dual citizenship
  - d. Do a kingdom overlay
2. Seek first his righteousness
  - a. Learn and adopt kingdom values
  - b. order (reorder) life around those values
  - c. root out clashing systems and behaviors
  - d. Practice kingdom consciousness

1. The kingdom reality
  - a. God provides what we need
  - b. We live in the now

### **Related Scriptures:**

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but ...

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart ...

John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled ...

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you ...

Psalms 23 The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not be in want ...

Romans 8:31 If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:28 ... in all things God works for the good ...

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the Lord while he may be found ...

John 8:12 Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness ...

John 18:36 My kingdom is not of this world ...

Philippians 3:18-21 ... our citizenship is in heaven...

1 Timothy 6:17 Command those who are rich ... to put their hope in God ...

Micah 6:8 ... to act justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly ...

1 Timothy 6:11 ... pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love ...

Ephesians 4:31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger ...

1 Timothy 6:6 Godliness with contentment is great gain.

### **Book references:**

Kenneth Boa, Conformed to His Image

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Christ the Center