

Read: Luke 16:11 (NLT), Matthew 6:24-33(NLT), Romans 8:15 (NLT)

Open:

- Name and explain some of your biggest fears. (Ex. snakes, heights, public speaking, etc.)
- What is the difference between worry and fear?
- Why are fear and worry closely related to our finances?
- Have you thought about or stressed over money in the last month?

Dig:

Read: Luke 16:11 (NLT)

- True Riches means to have Jesus' presence, peace, power, provision, protection of God that results in the fullness of joy.
- How is the way we treat finances related to fear?
- How is the way we treat finances related to joy?

Read: Matthew 6:24-33 (NLT)

- We were reminded to Reject Fear this week. Why is Jesus telling His followers not to worry about everyday life needs?
- What examples does Jesus give in v.25 that describes our everyday needs?
- Jesus gave two examples of recognizing God's provision in taking care of the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. How does God provide for birds and flowers?
- How is God providing for you in the face of your fears?
- Jesus asks the question can all your worries add a single moment to your life in verse 27. Why is it so difficult to break this type of thinking that we can add or control our lives through worrying?
- V. 28-30 remind us that we are called to recognize God as a faithful Father. How is God faithful in these verses?
- How we view God impacts the way we live our lives. Why do some see God as faithful Father and other see Him as harsh ruler / taskmaster? (v.30)
- Jesus challenges the disciples to respond in faith. Why does Jesus ask the disciples why they have such little faith?
- In verses 30-33, discuss why it is so important to be moved by faith and not by need.
- How can we stop worrying as followers of Christ? (v.33-34)

Reflect:

- Discuss as a group: "Two questions that will affect every decision you make: What do you believe about God? (theology) What do you believe about yourself? (identity)" How is this significant in your faith journey?
- How can you reject fear today?
- In what ways can you recognize that God is a faithful Father to you in 2022?
- What some ways you can take that next step of faith?
- Discuss this next step in facing our finances in faith and not fear:
 - Occasional: I give to BCC but not consistently
 - Consistent: I give regularly to BCC but less than 10%
 - Tither: I give 10% of my income to BCC
 - Generous: I give to offerings over & significantly above my tither to BCC
- Read & Close by reading Matthew 6:33 together as a group.