

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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“Priorities” - #5 in the series The More of Less

Texts (NIV) Referenced: Matthew 6:25-34, I Timothy 6:17-19

1. What stood out to you about the message?

2. We're often cautioned against worrying as in the song *Don't Worry-Be Happy* and the poem "*Worry, worry, whine, and fret. It's a habit hard to forget*" - even by a well-meaning friend who warns us not to be a "worry wart."
 - What kinds of things worry you most?
 - Why do we seem to have a natural inclination to worry?

3. **Read Matthew 6:25-27.**
 - Why might those gathered to hear Jesus have found it difficult to understand life is about more than their everyday needs?
 - Why is it difficult to accept our value in God's eyes?

4. **Read Matthew 6:31-34.**
 - How does Jesus introduce the idea of shifting our life perspective to avoid undue worrying?
 - Have you experienced a situation over which you had been worrying, and God helped you shift your perspective on the problem?

5. **Read I Timothy 6: 17-19.**
 - Shifting our perspective on issues of life directly impacts our priorities.
 - Which priority in these verses resonates with you as you consider a tendency to worry and how to shift perspective?
 - How have you begun to experience the "firm foundation for the coming age" by focusing on shifting perspective and rethinking priorities?

6. How can we pray for you?