

# WONDERS

Title: **WONDERS OF PRIORITIZING THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

Date: April 14, 2024

## Leader's Notes:

1. Start and end the life group on time.
2. Facilitate discussions with your group and **give all attendees opportunities to share their thoughts**. Encourage participation.

## Life Group Discussion Proper

### WORSHIP: (15 mins)

#### **Option 1: In person - Home gatherings**

*Suggestions: Assign someone to lead worship or play two praise & worship songs from You Tube.*

#### **Option 2: In person gatherings at a public place (at the park, school campus or café) or**

#### **Online home gatherings (via Zoom or other online meeting platform)**

*Suggestions: Ask three to four people to share testimonies of answered prayers or ask the group, "What are you thankful to God about this past week?"*

**WELCOME:(15 mins): IWC - Introduce yourself. Welcome guests/first-time visitors. Cheerfully call someone to do the same.**

**Ice-breaker:** Ask the group and give time for participation.

**Q: What are you most of the time, worrier or worshipper?**

### WORD (30–45 mins)

**Main Text: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33 NLT**

**Intro:** Our lives are governed by our pursuits and what we prioritize we pursue. It is a decision we make everyday. (Read the quote and ask for people's comments or reactions).

*"The greatest secret to living effectively on earth is understanding the principle and power of priority. Life on earth holds no greater challenge than the complicating daily demand of choosing among competing alternatives for our limited time. Our life is the sum total of all the decisions we make everyday, and those decisions are determined by our priorities. Success in life measured by the effective use of one's life." Myles Munroe Author of Kingdom Principles*

If priority is the essence of life, then we should want to know what our priority in life should be so that we can live effectively.

**Q: What is your definition of the word "priority?" (Ask two or three people?)**

*Priority – means the principal thing; putting first things first; establishing the most important thing; the primary focus; placing in order of importance; placing the highest value and worth upon.*

**Q: How do you balance spiritual, family, work, and personal priorities?**

**Why do we need to prioritize God's Kingdom?**

**1. Jesus commands us to seek God's rule over our lives everyday – v.v. 33-34 – "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today."**

*God's desire is for us to prioritize seeking His will and purpose for our lives. Just as people around us are consistently worried with meeting personal needs, God wants us to be intentional in seeking His rule and will each day to help us fulfill His purpose. He wants us to prioritize our relationship with Him and trust Him to provide for our daily needs.*

**Q: How do you prioritize your relationship with God while juggling between your daily responsibilities or activities?**

Continuation:

**2. His rule will set us free from the tyranny of evil masters – Read vv.24, 31-33**

**Q: How do you define “worry?”** (Ask two or three people?)

*Worry - a state of anxiety and uncertainty over actual or potential problems.*

We are living in a world that can cause us to worry on a daily basis and therefore can affect us in various ways physically, emotionally, mentally, psychologically and even spiritually. The pursuit of wealth often accompanies worry, eventually becoming a dominating force in our hearts and minds like a tyrannical master.

**Q: How do you prioritize generosity and faithful stewardship** (giving tithes, offerings, helping others financially, etc.) **in your financial decisions?**

**Application:**

Only by daily surrendering to God’s authority and teachings, we can discover the joy and peace that comes from recognizing God as more than sufficient and the ultimate master to follow. When we obey God’s principles of honoring God with our finances, only then can we see a financial breakthrough in our lives. **Read Proverbs 3:9-10 NIV**

**3. Those under his rule will enjoy His supernatural provision - v.v. 26-30**

When we prioritize seeking God's rule and trust Him to care for us, we will experience His supernatural provision. Jesus illustrated this by pointing out how God provides for birds without them working, ensuring they don't go hungry or die outside of His timing, and how lilies, though not laboring for clothing, are adorned even more beautifully than Solomon.

This doesn’t mean that we do not work for our needs, He wants us to know that when we surrender to his rule, we will still work, but we will enjoy greater results and provision because He cares for His children greater than His care for His creation. **Read Matthew 10:29-31**

**Q: What priorities do you believe God wants you to focus on in this particular season of your life? Why?**

**Conclusion:**

Jesus came to spread the Good News of God’s Kingdom. Jesus Christ is the Good News we desperately need. He came to set those who are enslaved by Satan and sin, those being dragged to an eternity in hell. When we fully surrender our lives under Christ’s rule and authority, He commissions us to go and help many people become His whole-hearted followers and therefore make others His disciples until the whole world is won to the Kingdom of God.

When Jesus, our King, governs our lives, we gain access to all the resources of heaven through Him. He promised to take care of those He sends to go and make disciples of all nations.

*“Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”* **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT**

If you are not yet in God’s Kingdom, that you will choose Him as your King and Lord today and if you’re already a Kingdom citizen, that you will daily prioritize Christ as King, Lord, Master of your life.

**WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST TAKE-AWAY FROM THE LESSON?** Partner with someone in the group.

**Q: What impacted you the most from this lesson?**

**WORK: The Challenge & Closing prayer (15 mins.)**

1. Memorize a verse from your devotions this week and be prepared to share it on our next gathering.
2. Please take time in your smaller groups to pray for one another. If there are specific needs, take time to lift them up to God in prayer as well. Ask each other, **“what can I pray for you?”**

**Leader’s Notes:**

1. Please remind your group of your next gathering and ask them to invite a friend.
2. Please encourage the group to remember to pray for one another during the week.
3. Assign someone to share from his/her devotion to the group next week. (min. of 5mins.)