

Introduction:

Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Big Idea: If you put God **first** in everything, everything else will **fall** in its place

A. Encouraging Biblical truths in Matthew 6:25-34 that will help us put God first and not be distracted by worldly worries.

1. Don't worry! God **knows** what you **need** (vv. 25, 28-29, 31-32).
2. Don't worry! God **values** you more than you think (vv. 26-27, 30).
3. Don't worry! Strive to be **humble** and **holy** (v. 33).
4. Don't worry about **tomorrow**! God is **trustworthy** (v.34).

B. Benefits and blessings in putting God first as a family, church and community (1 Peter 4:1-11).

1. **F**aith in God as a unifying foundation = Common **belief** (vv. 1-2)
2. **I**nfluencing each other to follow God = Common **goal** (vv. 2-4, 7)
3. **R**espect and love for one another = Common **value** (v.8)
4. **S**erve one another = Common **motive** (vv. 9-11)
5. **T**hanksgiving and Worship = Common **purpose** (v. 11)

Conclusion:

1. Name some of the major challenges families are facing today that can compromise the unity of the family and their relationships with one another.

2. In your own opinion, how would you define a godly family?

3. **Read:** Col 3:18-25

a. In these verses the Apostle Paul mentioned how husbands and wives, parents and children, masters and slaves (in our context today employer and employee) should relate or treat one another. In your own opinion, why is it difficult or challenging to apply this in our own relationships (marriage, family, friends, church or work)? Please give some examples.

b. How does putting God first help you apply what Col 3:18-25 says in how to relate or treat others, especially to your family members? Please refer to the sermon outline point letter B.

4. One of our values as a church is **“God First: Our ultimate value”**, which is stated in our bulletin. In your life group, suggest some practical ways on how you can encourage one other to put God first in your family activities, devotion, and ministry.

Pray!