

## C3 LEADERS QUESTIONS

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**Getting Started with a Warm-Up:** (*For leaders: Please be ready to share if no one else does.*)

- Please watch this Christian music video on YouTube. (*For Leaders: You can play this before your C3 session.*)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMmmbJIWhtk>
- Please share with your group your typical actions/reactions (emotional, mental, physical) when you focus on an issue that makes you stress, worry, or fear?
- When you stop worrying about something, what causes you to stop stressing or worrying on that issue?

### **Getting Down to Business:**

The following questions are following this format: Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

- 1) **Scripture/Observation:** Read Matthew 6:24-34. A) How does v. 24 relate or fit into what Jesus is saying about worry? B) What term does Jesus repeat four times in this passage? (*For Leaders, hint: vv. 25, 28, 31, 34*) Why do you suppose He repeats this? C) Instead of stress or worry what are we to focus our attention on? (*For Leaders, hint: Matthew 6:33*).

Below is an excerpt from The Bible Panorama commentary that you can access by following the link after the excerpt.

24: SINGULARITY The Christian must be single-minded in serving God and not 'mammon'. Mammon stands for being dominated by money and materialistic considerations.

V 25–34: SERENITY Nature tells us that God cares even for birds and flowers. Those with a special relationship with God should not worry, therefore, about provision of needs, now or in the future, but seek to please God first by seeking

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as a priority His kingdom and His righteousness. (This is not to encourage laziness but to underline the need for faith and trust.)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=matthew+6&version=NLT>

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- 2) **Application:** A) If you memorized Philippians 4:6-7 this week, quote it to your group:

*“6 Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7, NLT)*

B) What steps will you start to take to more actively “seek the Kingdom of God?”

- 3) **Prayer:** Please guide your group in prayer asking God to help us prioritize Him and His Kingdom above the things that could steal our focus and cause us to worry.

*“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” (Matthew 6:34, NLT)*