## Small Group Questions: Give Us This Day/When God is First

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## Read

Matthew 6:24-34

## Reflect

Too often we find ourselves not enjoying or focusing on the present, but stressing about the future. Is it possible to live in such a way as to not be robbed of the joy of today? In Matthew, Jesus says no one can serve two masters. Would you say you're putting God first in your life?

Pastor Josh Surratt describes how different life is when we put God first:

- 1. It decreases my capacity for <u>negative emotions</u>.
  - a. What is competing for mastery in your life? What are you worrying about?
  - b. In Matthew 6, what does Jesus say about worry?
  - c. Describe a time when faith helped you or a loved one walk through circumstances with a peace that passed all understanding.
- 2. It increases my capacity for everything else.
  - a. What has God helped you overcome or accomplish once you put him first?
  - b. What changes can you make to put God first in your life?
    - i. How could you realign your priorities?
- 3. It gives me the ability to be my best today.
  - a. What fruit of the Spirit do you need most right now?
    - i. love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control
  - b. If you put God first, and truly focused on today rather than worrying about the future, what could that look like?
  - c. How would you describe your prayer life right now? How might you be operating from your own power and ability, rather than trusting God?

**Respond:** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?