

Fields of Gold: Life Group Study
When our Fears Make God Seem Small:
We need Our Memories Jogged

Week 2 of Study 1



Discussion:

Discuss the Dust Bowl story. (pp 9-13)

1. Did you, or any of your relatives, live through the hard times of the 1930s? What stories have you heard about the Great Depression?
2. How do you think experiencing such a catastrophe might affect a person's giving, spending, and saving habits?
3. At what times in your life have you felt like Jeremiah Clark?

Last week we looked at Mark 4:35-41. In this story Jesus calms a storm and shifts the disciples' fear of their present circumstances to a faith in Jesus. The disciples moved to trust God for their well-being.

Bible Study:

Read through the following Scripture passages: Psalm 37:25, Matthew 6:31-32, Matthew 7:11, Luke 12:7, 2 Corinthians 8:8, and Philippians 4:19

1. What theme flows through each?
2. Would you say that God just meets your physical, emotional and spiritual needs? Explain.
3. Andy Stanley asks if it is irrational to trust God for your eternal destiny, yet decline His invitation to direct your finances. If you trust God for your salvation, why is it hard to accept His invitation allow Him to direct your finances?
4. Andy also writes, "True wealth is having everything you need when you need it"(p 56). Do you agree with this statement? Do you accept that God will come through for you?

Application:

This study and Matt's sermon series are focused on our bent to not trust God with our finances. The goal is for you to understand what God wants from you in regard to your finances and to trust Him with His provision.

1. When you consider increasing your giving, how do you feel? What "what ifs" come to mind?
2. What do we forfeit by being fearful stewards of God's money?
3. What is a first step for you to begin trusting God more in this area of your life?
4. As a group, pray that we will realize the depth of God's care and his provision for us. Pray that you will begin to feel less and less the need to be concerned about self and begin to trust God with your finances.