



## INTRODUCTION

Genesis 3:14-16; Mark 16:17-18

## Don't Worry, Be Happy

Matthew 6:25-33

## The View From Above

*Jesus invites us to take the eternal perspective...*

John 8:51-52, 11:26; Philippians 1:23; Hebrews 2:15; Isaiah 25:8;  
Matthew 9:18-31

## Problems in the Pipeline?

*Jesus calls us to be part of the solution...*

Isaiah 58:1-11; Malachi 3:10

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## **HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...**

### WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week's message, share one thing that challenged, puzzled, or perplexed you.

### LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. *Reflecting on Eternity* (a) What do you imagine your experience will be in the hours and days AFTER you die? Share your answers with the group, noting any answers that surprise or encourage you. (b) Read the following passages from scripture about our future with God. For each one, discuss what this teaches you about what your future life will be like. **Romans 8:18-21; 1 Corinthians 13:8-12; 1 Corinthians 15:35-41; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5; Philippians 1:21-23; Revelation 21:1-4** (c) What difference would it make in your life if you lived with these truths constantly in mind? Note how it might affect your approach to relationships, to work, to priorities, or finances.
3. Read **Matthew 6:19-24**, the passage from the Sermon on the Mount that comes just before Jesus teaching on anxiety. (a) What do you think it means to store up treasures in heaven? (b) What investments are you currently making in things that will last forever? (c) Are there areas of your life where you are investing a lot of energy that are not very important from an eternal perspective? What changes might you want to make in your priorities in light of this? (d) What difference does this perspective make in your attitude towards caring for the poorest of the poor? Does the eternal view make you more motivated or less motivated to meet the needs of those who are suffering?

### SO WHAT?...

5. Imagine you were to make a deal with God that you would do whatever he asked you to do to serve people in need. What would you be most afraid he would ask you to do? What is it about this that makes you anxious? What does that anxiety reveal to you about yourself and your sources of security? Pray for one another in light of this, asking God to increase your sense of security and trust in him.