

Do Not Worry

I. Background Information / Vocabulary

Ravens

Lilies

Sow

Spin

Reap

Solomon

II. LOOK at the text (Lk 12:22-34)

22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. 23 Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. 24 Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! 25 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? 26 Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? 27 “Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 28 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith! 29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the world runs after all such things, but your Father knows that you need them. 31 But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

III. Label the text

1. Underline and list what Jesus tells us to NOT do.

(22)_____ (29)_____ (29)_____ (32)_____

2. Circle and list what we Jesus wants us to do.

(24)_____ (27)_____ (31)_____

(33)_____ (33)_____

3. Mark anything else which seems interesting or significant to you.

4. Write questions and comments in the margins of the text.

IV. Reflect on the text

1. What basic need do you worry about?

2. What does it look like to "seek the kingdom"? How do you know if you are doing it??

V. Personal Application

1. Where is your heart? What are you really seeking in life?