# Third Street Church-

# BIBLE STUDY

# Wednesday, APRIL 29, 6pm

**Introductions/ Welcome/ Opening Prayer*: Pastor Reid***

***Key Verses:*** “*Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also* .. Luke *12:33-34*

***﻿Reading:* Luke 12:22-34**

**Do Not Worry**

**22**He 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**For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. **24**Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! *25*And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?**26**If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? **27**Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **28**But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! **29**And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. **30**For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. **31**Instead, strive for his[[c](about:blank#fen-NRSV-25483c)] kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

**32**“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33**Sell your possessions, and give alms. *Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.****34****For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

**Reflection**

First, yes, we are going to worry. For some right now, it may seem to be impossible to give it up. Worrying does seem to be part of life. But what we need to understand is Jesus is **not** asking us to give up our worries on our own. The only way we can trust in Jesus is by GRACE. When we trust in God we give up our worries and we give up letting worry control our lives. We don’t have to live our lives controlled by fears and the “W” word. After a few weeks of shelter in place, stay at home , we sometimes can invite feelings of worry. But know that TRUSTING God’s plan in the midst of all of this is what Jesus is teaching in this passage. The kingdom of God is the most wonderful gift of all. Food, clothing, fortune, fame all will pass away but never the kingdom of God. Material things are nothing to compare to God’s kingdom.

**Setting of Luke’s Gospel and today’s scripture**: The setting of Luke takes place almost entirely in Palestine. Caesarea Philippi is in the north to Beersheba in the south. The book of Luke focuses on the historical Jesus. In chapters 9-19 Jesus is on the journey to Jerusalem. Chapters 11:27-13:9 have theme of various warnings and teachings of Jesus.

**Sharing/Discuss**

1. It is a human emotion. Worry. What are some things you worry about?( money, bills, loved ones,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. How does Jesus expect us to give up this natural tendency of worrying?
3. Luke 12:24 reverences the raven. In Mosaic Law Jews could eat clean birds such as doves that fed on grains. Ravens, vultures and owls were unclean (Leviticus 11:15; Deuteronomy 14:14). (Also see :Job 38:41 and Psalm 147:9 ) What does this verse (Luke 12:24) say about God’s care for people and nature?

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1. In v.27-28 Jesus say consider the glory of the wildflowers and realize that even Solomon, Israel’s richest king could not compare. When you look around at nature trees, grass, flowers now in spring and who Solomon(1Kings 10-4-5) was in God’s eyes, What does these verses say to you about God’s protection, provision and care? (See Luke 12:6-7).
2. God gives reasons in 12:22-30 why we shouldn’t worry and strive over the material needs of life. What are they? Five Reasons: 1.Life is more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (v.23) 2. God feeds the\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God provides for us all. (v.24). 3 –Can’t add time to your life by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(v.25) 4. Your Father knows \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(v.30)
3. How do you summarize what Jesus is saying about worry?
4. Where are your treasures? Where is your heart? How do you know?

**What Inspires you these days?**

What's giving you inspiration and hope these days? A song, hymn, scripture, special reading? How has it helped inspire you? Share with study group.

﻿**Put your** **Faith in Action:**

**Put away doubt:** Jesus has provided each of us a way to end worry in our lives. When we are living our lives worrying about everything we are living lives filled with doubt. Understanding this helps us to see how we feel about God.

**Seek and respond** When we worry we push God away. If we want to relieve worry in our lives we must **seek and respond** to what God has for each of us. When we do this we have renewing our mindset and there is *peace* where anxiety, fear and worry once filled space in our life.

Tell worry “**DO NOT ENTER”** don’t go down the road of worry. Instead, take a **DETOUR** around worry with Jesus as your guide: enjoy a beautiful day, look around you at natural beauty of God’s world, sunshine, rain, laughter, smiles, thoughts shared with your loved ones by phone, text, emails of loved ones.

What is one of your **DETOURS** around worry? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Be encouraged:** Covet not this world’s vain riches, that so rapidly decay, seek to gain the heavenly treasures, they will never pass away. *From:God’s Unchanging Hand*

**For Further Study in your meditation time later this week: Read and meditate on the entire *Sermon on the Mount* Matthew 6:25-34.What insights speak to you in this these passages?**

**Mid-Week Prayer Time-Pastor Reid . Let us lift up people/situations for prayer:**

*This week add a name(s), situation(s), etc. to your prayer requests. Place on slip of paper in a place you can find it in your prayer time (bible, prayer journal, etc.) Whisper a prayer for each of them this week.*

***Music:*** *Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand-by Jennie Wilson*

*Sung by: Chicago Mass Choir -YouTube:* [*https://youtu.be/3dA\_\_bkxQQQ*](about:blank)

Time is filled with swift transition,  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God’s unchanging hand.

*Refrain:*  
Hold to God’s unchanging hand,  
Hold to God’s unchanging hand;  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God’s unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you,  
Whatsoever years may bring,  
If by earthly friends forsaken  
Still more closely to Him cling.

Covet not this world’s vain riches  
That so rapidly decay,  
Seek to gain the heav’nly treasures,  
They will never pass away.

When your journey is completed,  
If to God you have been true,  
Fair and bright the home in glory  
Your enraptured soul will view.

**Closing words-** **Pastor Reid** : God has created you and rejoices in all that you are

God has chosen you and called you His very own

God has blessed you and made your life a blessing – We go in Peace- Amen

***Thank you for joining our Wednesday Night Bible Study this week! May the Lord be with you all until meet again!***

***We are all In Christ’s Care,***

***Pastor Reid***