



Small Group Discussion Guide

November 19, 2017

Sermon Title:

"#First-WorldProblems"

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:25-34

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145:1-13

Leader: *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.*

Getting Started: Do you ever catch yourself complaining about trivial matters? Can you remember a recent time you did? Has anyone ever called you out on it?

Discussion:

1. Are you aware of the term "First-World Problem"? If so, when and how did you become acquainted with it?
2. A definition of FWP might be: "frustrations or complaints that are only experienced by privileged individuals in wealthy problems." Does that make sense to you?
3. Can you recall the last FWP you complained about? How did you feel once you realized that you were doing it? Cite examples that, once you think about them, may even be a bit embarrassing. (Example: "The remote on my flatscreen isn't working properly. I'll have to get up and manually change the channel." #First-WorldProblem)
4. As we consider Thanksgiving this week, what might have been some "RWP" (Real World Problems) the first Pilgrims might have experienced as they landed in Plymouth, Mass?
5. When Jesus gave the "Sermon on the Mount", he addressed the subject of worrying about our daily needs. What did he say about them? Food and drink? clothing? shelter? Are these RWPs or FWPs?
6. What are some bigger issues that we should be mindful of over Thanksgiving?
 - *We are a BLESSED nation! America has 5% of the world's population but enjoys 41% of the world's wealth. Why are we so blessed? **(Reference: Luke 12:48b)**
 - *We should also remember that God is concerned about us as individuals too!
 - * We should live with Thanksgiving every day!

Closing: Close by sharing prayer requests.

Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared.

GO SHARE JESUS!