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Sermon Notes:

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Sermon Title: Our Great Provider

Main Idea: Worry reveals a lack of faith in our great Provider.

Breaking the Ice

- What is something that you have found yourself worrying about recently?

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Luke 12:22–34
- What is the significance of Jesus addressing this section to “His disciples” when the previous section about greed was seemingly addressed to the larger crowd?
- How are the four prohibitions in our text related?
 - “do not worry” (22)
 - “do not seek” (29)
 - “do not worry” (29)
 - “do not be afraid” (32)

Applying the Truth Personally

- Anxiety reflects a self-focus that inhibits the doing of God's will.¹ How have I experienced this reality in my life? How can Jesus' instructions help me change my focus?
- What implications does verse 33 have for me and my possessions?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- How do we as a church accept the tendency to worry? How can we help each other fight this all-too-common tendency?
- How can our church encourage us to accumulate treasure in heaven by pursuing Christ's kingdom?

¹Commentator Darrell Bock makes this observation.

Digging Deeper

- Jesus uses both ravens and wildflowers to illustrate God's concern for things in His creation far less important than us. List other biblical illustrations that make this point.

- Luke 12:22–31 is virtually identical to Matt 6:25–33. How does Matt 6:34 demonstrate Jesus' concern for the larger audience at the Sermon on the Mount while Luke 12:32–34 addresses the narrow audience of His disciples? What are the differences and overlapping areas of concern between the two audiences?

Looking Ahead

- Read Colossians 3:2 and 1 Peter 1:8 daily.