LIFE Group Guide

Overcoming Anxiety Pastor Colin Smith Matthew 6:25-34 November 16, 2025



Sermon Outline

Three Observations about Anxiety

- 1. Anxiety comes to us all
 - A. Worry about your life
 - B. Worry about food and clothing
 - C. Worry about tomorrow
- 2. Anxious people are often unduly hard on themselves
- 3. Christ's command is not an excuse for passivity

Five faith-building truths that will strengthen you in your battle with anxiety

- God gave me life
 God is my Father
- 3. God knows what I need
- 4. God holds my future
- 5. God's grace is sufficient for today

Memory Verse:

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:33)

1. REVIEW

Have the group share about how they applied last week's sermon.

"Yoŭ said you would _____ ′∷How did that go?'

o "What did God do in your life this week through your obedience?"

2. R.E.C.A.P. - Read, Engage, Connect, Apply, Pray

Read the Word

• Main Question: What is the passage from this week's sermon?

Engage the Word

- Main Question: What was something in this passage that stood out to
 - **Optional Follow-up Questions:**
 - How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the passage?
 - What other Bible verses came to your mind that speak into this passage?
 - What does this passage reveal about God? About mankind?
 - In your own words, how would you summarize the passage?
 - Is there anything you didn't understand?

- Main Question: How does this passage point to or reflect Jesus Christ?
 - Optional Follow-up Questions:
 - Does Jesus fulfill something in this passage?
 - Is there a problem in this passage that Jesus has overcome?
 - How does Jesus bring future hope to this passage?

Connect the Word:

- Main Question: How does this passage connect to our lives right now?
 - Optional Follow-up Questions:
 - Is there something in this passage that is similar or different from what we are experiencing?
 - How does this passage connect to your personal life circumstances?
 - How does this passage connect to our life as the church?
 - How does this passage connect to our lost world?

Apply the Word:

- **Main Question**: Is there a promise for you to believe, a command to obey, a warning to heed, an example to follow, or a sin to confess?
 - Optional Follow-up Questions:
 - In one or two sentences, what is the next practical step(s) you will take going forward this week?
 - What truth about God and His gospel will motivate your application this week?
 - How can we as a LIFE Group help you, root for you, or hold you accountable?

Pray the Word:

- Main Question: Ask God for the power to comprehend and obey all that He has revealed in His preached Word this week.
 - Optional Follow-up Questions:
 - What did we learn in this passage that makes us want to praise and thank God?
 - What sin in this passage do we need to confess to God?
 - What help or hope in this passage do we need to ask of God?

3. RESOLVE

After you close in prayer, take some time to solidify your group's plan for <u>application</u> of the Word and <u>prayer</u> for each other throughout the week ahead.