

SERMON
Seek first the kingdom!
Matthew 6:19-34

Jesus calms our concerns by calling us to seek first his better kingdom.

1. Better Treasure (v.19-21)

2. Better Eyes (v. 22-23)

3. Better Master (v. 24)

4. Better Care (v.25-34)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:19-34

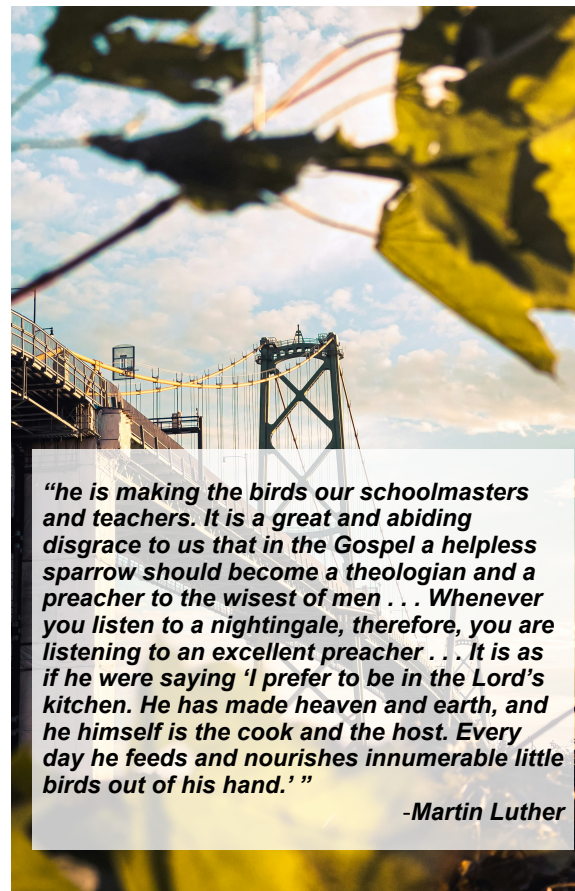
¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

June 21, 2026
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai
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Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church

We are glad to have you join us today. We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

CHILDREN

There is usually Children's Church for children between the ages of 3 to 10. There is no Children's Church on Sundays when the Lord's Supper is celebrated. Downstairs there is also a nursery and a separate room for nursing mothers.

UPCOMING

Summer Book: Pick up Sunday June 21 & June 28. One per Family.

Bedford Presbyterian's 50th Anniversary Service:

Sunday, September 27

English Conversation Group: on break till September

Sunday School Summer Break: Last week for Older class

Today, Last week for Younger class June 28th

BIBLE STUDIES

- **Adult Bible study:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. Led by Reid Campbell. Studying NT book of Titus. On summer break.
- **ISMC study groups** are meeting—contact Will or Chi Perrie.
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays at 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the home of Laura Priddle. On break for the summer. The 7:15 p.m. Monday evening study meets every other week but now on summer break

PLEASE SUPPORT THE OPEN DOOR CENTRE which provides a safe place for youth who are sexually exploited or who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. On Mother's Day we invite you to pick up a HEY (Helping Exploited Youth) box or a baby bottle and fill it generously. Bring the box or bottle back with your donation inside, on Father's Day. To find out more about Open Door visit opendoorcentre.com

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Family of the week: Adam and Anna Bent and their children Gwyneth, Freya and Ewan
- Kalinchenko family, as they grieve the loss of Serhii's father
- PCA General Assembly, June 22-26

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;

People: **We are his people, and the sheep
of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and
his courts with praise! Give thanks to
him; bless his name!

People: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love
endures forever, and his faithfulness to all
generations.**
—Psalm 100

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Glory be to Christ the King

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:8-17

⁸ Woe to those who join house to house,
who add field to field,
until there is no more room,
and you are made to dwell alone
in the midst of the land.

⁹ The Lord of hosts has sworn in my hearing:
“Surely many houses shall be desolate,
large and beautiful houses, without inhabitant.

¹⁰ For ten acres of vineyard shall yield but one bath,
and a homer of seed shall yield but an ephah.”

¹¹ Woe to those who rise early in the morning,
that they may run after strong drink,
who tarry late into the evening
as wine inflames them!

¹² They have lyre and harp,
tambourine and flute and wine at their feasts,
but they do not regard the deeds of the Lord,
or see the work of his hands.

¹³ Therefore my people go into exile
for lack of knowledge;

their honoured men go hungry,
and their multitude is parched with thirst.

¹⁴ Therefore Sheol has enlarged its appetite
and opened its mouth beyond measure,
and the nobility of Jerusalem and her multitude will go down,
her revelers and he who exults in her.

¹⁵ Man is humbled, and each one is brought low,
and the eyes of the haughty are brought low.

¹⁶ But the Lord of hosts is exalted in justice,

and the Holy God shows himself holy in righteousness.
¹⁷ Then shall the lambs graze as in their pasture,
and nomads shall eat among the ruins of the rich.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION

Psalm 16

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

People: **Holy and merciful God,
in your presence we confess
our sinfulness, our shortcomings,
and our offences against you.
You alone know how often we have sinned
in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts,
in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord,
for we are ashamed and sorry
for all we have done to displease you.
Forgive our sins,
and help us to live in your light
and walk in your ways,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.**

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Leader: Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ,
and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ
is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.
—based on Romans 8:34; 2 Corinthians 5:17

MEMBERSHIP

Dina Plews (Poopalapillai)

SONGS OF RENEWAL

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Here is Love Vast as the Ocean

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 1:1-4

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us—³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY

Prayer for PCA and the Bent family

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY



SERMON

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM!

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CLOSING HYMN

This is My Father's World

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**