

God's Nature – Tracing His Fingerprints 'Birds'

Matthew 6:25-27, Luke 15:11-32

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Jesus's teaching on considering the birds in Matthew 6 is in the midst of a much more extensive account of his Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). Scan through this sermon and see if there are any primary points or reoccurring lessons you can identify (maybe something to help understand the illustration about the birds even better).

God so often uses a 'if the lesser is true, how much more is the greater true' type of logic to reveal his abundant hear for us. Discuss how the examples of the birds and the prodigal son (perhaps in comparison with the other son) follow this pattern.

Applying

Think about all the different, almost ever-present songs of birds. Research tells us that birds sing for all kinds of reasons and in all kinds of circumstances (day, night, spring, rough weather). How might the songs of the birds teach and remind us something next time we hear them?

As we invited in last week's study, challenge one another to spend some amount of time later this week to spend some time listening to or watching the birds. What comes to mind as you consider the nature of God in this aspect of God's nature?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?

