



HOW TO ECHO | WEEK 1

WARM-UP

- What does success look like in this season of your life? What does it mean for you to win lately? How has it been hard for you to win?
- If you could have 3 wishes, what 3 things would you choose from this list:
 1. Win the lottery
 2. Get a secure job
 3. A stress-free life
 4. Close family (not hassles, lots of love)
 5. Good health
 6. One deep forever-friendship
 7. Happiness
 8. Success and recognition in your job
 9. Direction (what to do with your life)
 10. A Strong spiritual faith.

READ

Mathew 6:24-33 (NLT)

²⁴“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money. ²⁵That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? ²⁷Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ²⁸And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, ²⁹yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as

beautifully as they are. ³⁰And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? ³¹So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ³²These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. ³³Seek the Kingdom of God[a] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. What does this passage teach us about worry? 1) Don't sweat the small stuff, 2) God will bail you out, 3) Get your act together, 4) Don't plan ahead, or 5) Trust God with things you can't control.
2. What competes with God for first place in your life? What would you have to do differently in order to truly "seek the kingdom of God above all else"?



READ

Mathew 28:18-20 (NLT)

¹⁸"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations,[a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. How are you continuing your mission and staying engaged with your church during this time of COVID-19 and digital-church? How are you spreading God's love and sharing the good news? Would you consider hosting or apprenticing in an Echo group this Fall as part of your mission? (If yes, see echo.church/groupleaders).
2. On a scale of 1-10, how passionately are you following Jesus? What do you think God is asking you to say "Yes" to this week?



PRAYER

Thank you God for being our Father who takes such good care of us. Help us to prioritize you over everything else in our lives, and to trust you with the hard stuff. Please give us direction so that we can win in the ways that you want us to. Guide us so that we share your love with this lost world and the people in our lives. Give us opportunities and the faith to say YES to the things you want us to do right now. You deserve our complete devotion and obedience Jesus, so we will say YES and put your first above all else. In Jesus' name, Amen.
