

Good morning! One of the great misunderstandings that Christians have---and we spread to others---is that Christianity is about us. It isn't! As that great theologian Yogi Berra once said, "People always make the wrong mistake." When we think about God, we tend to think about what He can do for us: how He can rescue us, provide for us, help us to deal with and get through difficult emotional times. We seem to always think of God as a source of some kind. That's not the point at all! This morning, let's look together at a familiar passage and see how we might plug it into our lives to change this misconception:

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33

Hey, hold on just a minute, Dave...this passage still says that God will give us all we need. Didn't you just say Christianity is *not* about us? Yes, but this passage is such a good reminder! What's the first commandment? "*I am the Lord your God--you shall have no other gods before Me.*" From the very beginning, God has emphasized that The Point of life is responding to and worshiping Him. We spend our lives trying to provide for ourselves. We work hard to make our own dreams come true, often completely oblivious to what God wants. Christians, by the way, are often not very different from the world in this pursuit of stuff and personal comfort. In today's passage we are reminded that we must seek God's Kingdom first and He will provide for all of our needs. Interestingly, when we begin seek Him above all else, our felt needs change. We may no longer be consumed with getting more stuff. We may no longer be worried about having enough time to get everything done. We may no longer care very much about the way people think about us. This is one of the ways in which God changes us, "*renews our minds*". This morning, let me ask you this question: Are you seeking God's Kingdom first in your life...or are you building your own kingdom?