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Hope for a Worried People

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NOTE: There are more questions below than you are expected to answer. Please just choose a few that are relevant for your personal reflection & application.

1. What was your major takeaway from the message this morning?
2. What struck you about the living conditions of the people listening to the Sermon on the Mount?
3. On a scale of 1-10 (1 being low and 10 high), how imaginative are you? Does the relentless stream of 'what-if's' amplify a simply worry in your life? What advice does this message encourage you to take on board?
4. If it is correct, as Pastor Craig suggested, to see 'food' and 'clothes' as specific issues not general examples, what issues concern people in our nation RIGHT NOW? How do we deal with these concerns in light of this teaching?
5. How do the words, 'all these things will be added to you as well' in verse 33 challenge the way we deal with the life-threatening worries Christians have around the world (see Acts 11 and 2 Cor. 8-9)? What lessons does this have for our church today?
6. "In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus doesn't seek to reassure, but to connect." How connected are you? Hallowell lists six areas of connectedness: familial; historical; social; information/ideas; work/school; and church. Which is your strongest connection and which your weakest?
7. Pastor Craig suggested that a reason for disunity in the body is 'concern gone astray.' In light of this how can we best minister to concerned people in our own faith family?
8. "In seasons of clear disagreement and open division, Jesus models stepping in and living out not stepping back and closing rank." How can you step in to the concerns of people you know and amplify hope and life?