

## Counter Rev Small Group Conversation based on Matthew 6:31-34

*Keep things moving - don't let any part of the evening drag on. Don't be rigid in the use of this guide - reword or change or leave out parts if you want. At the end everyone prays - be sure to let people know they don't have to pray aloud; only if they want to. Also remember to be alert to any unchurched people, or new Christians present - and to adjust the evening to be more helpful to them.*

### Getting to know each other

- Jesus speaks about 'each day having enough trouble of its own'. Either in the big group, or in smaller groups, start by checking in with each other whatever challenges you're currently facing.

### Understanding and applying Matthew 6:31-34

- Read Matthew 6:31-34.
- *If some of your group did not hear the Sunday message, then play the summary audio clip.*
- *Read verses 31-32:* What do you think Jesus means by 'running after food, drink and clothing?'
- If 'pagans' here refers to people who don't know God, why do you think they tend to run after things? And how would knowing God as Father make us any different?
- *Read verse 33:* Do you think there a difference between seeking God's kingdom, and seeking it *first*?
- Brainstorm a list of some really practical indicators that a Christian is most likely passionately pursuing God's kingdom and righteousness?
- How would you say you're doing right now in terms of your pursuit of God's kingdom and righteousness?
- *Read verse 34:* Do you tend to run anxiously ahead in your head? If so, how can we practically apply Jesus' wisdom to our lives?

### Praying through Matthew 6:31-34

- Either as a large group, or in smaller groups, freshly commit to seeking God's kingdom and righteousness first. Also spend a minute or two praying for one or two people far from God you're hoping to have a spiritual conversation with, or to invite to church.