

NEXT STEPS

Message series: "Indeed"

"When the Bough Breaks" 04/26/26

Next Steps are designed to be used in your small group settings. Need a group? Let us help!

Luke 12:24-31: "24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you."

Today's scripture is a passage of Jesus giving instruction to his disciples. He knows He won't be with them in person but for a short time and is preparing their faith. What imagery do the ravens and lilies conjure up for you? What do the ravens and lilies teach about God? Why does Jesus connect worry with "little faith"?

"Consider the ravens – they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them." What storehouses have you built up? What are you storing away for? Why does Jesus connect worry with "little faith"? Why is it easier to worry than trust?

Stewardship means we are caretakers—not owners—of what God has given us. We are called to trust Him and actively serve others. What has God entrusted to you? Are you using these gifts for His kingdom? What are you withholding from God?

Being a steward goes hand in hand with seeking the kingdom. A big part of that is participating in the Church body and building community. What does kingdom stewardship look like in community? What does "seek His kingdom" look like daily? Where is God calling you to step out in faith? How can you serve someone this week?

Remember, we have gathered in worship; now it is time to go and be the church.

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