MSG: KINGDOM IN THE CULTURE
SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 6:31-34 NIV
SZN 1: REVIVAL THROUGH LIVING

Matthew 6:31-34 NIV
31 "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Matthew 6:9-10 NIV
"This, then, is how you should pray: " 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

John 17:14-18 NIV
"I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world."

1. KINGDOM IN THE CULTURE RESISTS MATERIALISM

Matthew 6:32 NIV
"For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them."

MATERIALISM MAKES A MISERABLE MASTER

Matthew 6:24 NIV
“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

MATERIALISM FEEDS ANXIETY

IN THE WORLD, BUT NOT DEPENDENT ON ITS SECURITY.

THE CULTURE RUNS AFTER IT. THE KINGDOM SEEKS FIRST.

Matthew 6:33 NIV
“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

2. KINGDOM IN THE CULTURE STEWARDS MONEY WELL

Matthew 6:21 NIV
“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

STEWARD MONEY TO MEET NEEDS

Matthew 6:3-4 NIV
“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

STEWARDS MONEY TO BRING ECONOMIC EQUITY

Acts 4:34 NIV
“…that there were no needy persons among them.”

ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR THE POOR.
ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR THE POWERLESS.
ECONOMIC EQUITY FOR THE PRICED-OUT.

3. KINGDOM IN THE CULTURE CHOOSES WORSHIP OVER WORRY

Matthew 6:25 NIV
“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

WORRY ALIENATES YOUR HEART, WORSHIP ALIGNS YOUR HEART.

WORRY DISTURBS YOUR PEACE, WORSHIP DEFENDS YOUR PEACE.

WORRY INCREASES FEAR, WORSHIP INCREASES FAITH.

Matthew 6:30 NIV
“If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?”

Matthew 6:34 NIV
“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

THE CULTURE RUNS AFTER THINGS.
THE KINGDOM SEEKS FIRST.