

The Lord's Prayer—Give Us This Day...

Study Questions

Matthew 6:11

Warm-up

1) Give an example of a time an unexpected challenge arose, but you found that you somehow ended up with everything you needed to get through it. How did it happen?

A little deeper

2) [Matthew 6:11; Exodus 16:14-30] One aspect of this line of Jesus' prayer is that of relying on God for our daily needs. This is exemplified in the Exodus passage about God feeding manna to His people in the desert for 40 years. Read the full Exodus passage. **How do you think the Israelites felt when they collected flakes of manna on the first day it appeared? How do you think they felt on the evening of the sixth day, just before the Sabbath? How long do you think it took for the Israelites to get used to relying on God for their daily food? How do you think they felt about it after a few months had passed? What are ways God already provides for us, but that we basically take for granted?**

3) [Luke 12:22-34] God takes care of the birds and flowers without extraordinary effort on their part—and God cares for us much more! **What are some of the things that we work hard for? How many of these things could we still be content with if we had a bit less? How does this sometimes interfere with bringing God glory?**

4) [John 6:47-51; Matthew 26:26-28] Jesus declared that He is the bread of (everlasting) life, and he also equated the bread of communion with His body. **Considering these statements, what does it mean for us to ask God for our daily bread besides literal food and necessities?**

If it helps, consider this: If “we are what we eat” spiritually as well as physically, how can taking communion affect us?

Bringing it home

5) **What do you personally rely on for your daily needs?** (For example, certain skills, your job/paycheck, your car, etc.) **Are you more likely to see these things as gifts from God, or as something more mundane? What do you usually attribute them to?**

6) **How do you store up for the future—Are you storing up so much that you'll have enough for a lavish lifestyle? Are you faithfully storing nothing and just relying on God daily? Are you faithfully storing up so that you can commit time to God in different ways than you do now?**

Reflection & Prayer

7) **Are there physical, emotional, or spiritual needs that you rarely pray for, or that you rarely thank God for when He meets them? Take a moment now to thank God for the ways He already provides for your needs. Then pray for anything you need that you are anxious or concerned about.**