



Community Group Study: Daily Bread

Breakthrough - Part 3 | Matthew 6:11 | week of May 7

GETTING STARTED

- In our prayer lives, there often exists a disconnect between what we *want* to pray about and what we feel like we *should* pray about. How have you experienced this in your own life?

CONTEXT

- Read Matthew 6:9-10. Recap what we've learned about prayer from the Lord's Prayer thus far.

Read Matthew 6:11.

OBSERVATION

- Between verses 9-10 and verse 11, a significant shift in the focus of the prayer occurs. What is it? What does this tell us?

MEANING

- What does this portion of Jesus' prayer assume to be true about God? (Let James 1:17 and 1 Corinthians 4:7 sharpen your answers.)
- In what sense is the Christian life meant to be a one-day-at-a-time life?

- Is there such thing as “unanswered prayer”? Explain.
- How does praying, “Give us this day our daily bread” help us to more fully embrace the gospel? (See John 6:53-58.)

APPLICATION

- In what ways do you find yourself struggling to believe that God desires to and is able to meet your deepest needs?
- In what ways do you struggle to make the distinction between what you *need* and what you *want*?
- How have you seen the Lord’s goodness to you even in the way he has (seemingly) not answered prayers in your life?
- How do you need to grow in daily dependence on the Lord? What would progress look like in this area of your life?
- How is this verse of the Lord’s Prayer an encouragement to you to engage further/deeper in prayer?

NEXT STEPS

- Read and meditate upon Psalm 104, focusing on verses that highlight God’s rich and abundant provision.
- Write a prayer thanking God for bringing something hard and challenging - or for not bringing something pleasant and easy - into your life. Give him praise for *always* giving you everything you truly need (even hard things) and for *never* withholding something you truly need (even easy things).