

Leaders:

Remember, December is considered "off", which means Small Group Questions will not be provided for any sermon in December. The goal is to give a healthy period of rest for you as a leader. If you intend to meet as a group but desire help in planning, please contact Pastor Chris any time.

LEARN

Read Matthew 6:11. What stands out from this request in Jesus' prayer, or from Sunday's sermon, that is encouraging/challenging to your walk with Christ?

What does the Bible say about our dependence on God for basic, material provisions?

(Consider making it a goal to find/read at least 4 separate verses that speak to this. Suggestions: Genesis 1 and 2, Psalm 104:14)

What would "daily" have reminded an Israelite of? Why should that also be a reminder to us?

(The wilderness experience of God providing daily provision for Israel as they wandered. Even in their disobedience, God graciously provided. Exodus 16:4-5, v. 18)

PRACTICE

How does our prayer, or lack of prayer, for physical provisions display what we believe about God? (Often we don't pray for basic things because we think God isn't the source, or he's not as generous as he says. Trust him, thank him, and delight in his provision)

Imagine this: Six months from now, you are more grateful and more aware of your dependence on God than you are today. What types of changes in prayer or habit did you make to get there?

(The goal is to think creatively and optimistically about how this change would happen over time as we instill habits of thanksgiving and dependence in prayer and worship)

Read John 6:33-35 and 50-51. What difference does it make in your life to remember that the ultimate bread you need is not physical but spiritual?

(God sent a Savior because we need that more than even bread or housing or health. We need Jesus to provide payment for our sin against a holy God and reconcile us to God.)

Suggested Group Prayer: Spend 10+ minutes praying short "popcorn prayers" of thanksgiving to God and dependence on God for material and spiritual provision.

CHANGE

When are you prone to ignore God and act as if you are not dependent on him? How will you commit to seek God's help to change in this area?