

life groups' sermon guide to you, from: Jehovah Jireh



Life Groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for spiritual growth, caring for one another, and reaching out to the unchurched.

“Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means “the LORD will provide”). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

Genesis 22:14

Discussion:

Merla Watson wrote the lyrics to a worship song that was popular in the 1980's. The chorus is printed for you.

*Jehovah Jireh, My Provider
His Grace Is Sufficient For Me
For Me, For Me!
Jehovah Jireh, My Provider
His Grace Is Sufficient For Me*

Q: What is the connection between God's provision and grace?

Q: Is culture's definition of sufficiency and God's different? Is yours? In what ways? How might this impact how we view God and His provision?

Study:

I was looking over the Lord's Prayer this week from Matthew 6. It is interesting that much of the pattern of prayer that Jesus taught His disciples focuses on and asks for God's provision.

Read Matthew 6: 9-13. Discuss the prayer in light of God's provision.

Q: What is God providing?

Q: What part of God's provision are we to ask for?

Celebrate His Provision:

I love the implications of Genesis 22:14 – “The Lord will see to it.” This implies that God has already seen my need, my burden and is already preparing a way for me that will be for my good and His glory.

Spend some time celebrating God's past provision in your life. Beginning thinking about a time or times when you needed a “miracle” and God provided. Share this with the group as a form of praise and thanks to God.

Pray for His Provision:

Return to the Matthew 6:9-13 version of the Lord's Prayer. Notice the requests for God's provision for our physical and spiritual needs, for direction, and for protection.

Philippians 4:6 tells us to not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition make our requests to God...

Paul also writes in Ephesians a prayer for this church:

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-20

Notice the last stanza of the prayer – *to Him who is able to do immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine...* Do you believe it?

Lean into this truth and God; take some time as a group and pray for each other's needs in the group.

Be God's Provision:

God wants to work through you. He has and is planning wonderful ways to use you as part of His provision for another. Check out James 1:27.

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...

We are called to be the instruments through which God's provision comes to others. Is God using you to bring His provision to another? Is He using your Life Group? If not, pray about how He might use you and your Life Group to be God's provision and then step out in faith.