



Sermon on the Mount ALL FOR HIM

Life Groups Discussion Guide

March 29, 2020

OUR DAILY BREAD Matthew 6:11

CONNECT

1. The COVID-19 pandemic is forcing many people around the globe to scale their sights and expectations from far out to right in front of them. In many ways, we are truly being forced to think “daily” in a way many of us have not before. With that in mind, when you hear “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11), what comes to your mind? Process what you feel when you think about that verse.

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2. God’s daily, material care is a remarkable expression of His kindness and grace to us. Read Exodus 16:1–15, in which we see God introduce His people to the daily provision of “manna” or “bread that the LORD has given . . . to eat” (Exodus 16:15). How do you see God’s kindness and grace on display in this historical account? See Romans 5:20–21. What does daily manna or bread symbolize?
3. Beginning in Matthew 6:9, Jesus gives the crowds an example of how they are to pray. As this unfolds, He turns the attention of the one praying from a “Father” orientation (name, kingdom, will) in verses 9–10 to a petitioner’s orientation (bread, forgiveness, deliverance) in verses 11–13. What is the significance of this movement? How does it influence the way you pray?
4. There is an ordinariness about bread. Moreover, there can be an ordinariness about taking anything one day at a time. Process what might be the value of the ordinary and mundane dynamic here. Think about this as a contrast to the fast-paced, digitally connected world in which we live. What does this bread/daily dynamic say about God and how He wishes to care for us? Is there something He wishes to teach us?
5. In John 6:29 and following, Jesus reflects on God’s provision of manna in the wilderness and declares, “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (v33). Jesus goes on to say of Himself that He is “the bread of life” and that whoever comes to Him will neither hunger nor thirst (v35). Process in what way God’s daily material provision of bread serves as a type or illustration of God’s provision of Jesus as our Lord and Savior who satisfies our soul. What are the implications of this for you?

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6. During this unusual season in which we find ourselves, how does the prayer, “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11), prove practically helpful to you? How might you leverage the wisdom within this prayer for the sake of those you know? Consider what you can show your family and friends about the Lord’s daily care.
7. Take time right now to pray very specifically for those you know, that God would provide for their care and that they would see Him be merciful and faithful “daily.” Find time to reach out to those you know and pray with them along these lines.