

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD*

Matthew 6:11

The Lord's Prayer — Week 6

**ICEBREAKER:** What's something you've won and how did you win it?

**OVERVIEW:** The first three petitions of the Lord's Prayer focus on God's concerns and interests — "Thy name," "Thy kingdom," and "Thy will." The second three requests focus on our concerns — "Give us," "Forgive us," and "Lead us." The first of these is "Give us this day our daily bread." In this discussion we will go deeper with the meaning and application of this petition so that we can pray it effectively.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why does the Lord's Prayer teach us to focus on God's concerns before our own?
3. What is the meaning of each of the first three petitions?
4. "Give us... our daily bread" is a prayer for God to supply our daily needs. Can you share how God has faithfully provided for you?
5. Read Matthew 14:13-21 and answer the following questions.
  - a. How many loaves and fish did Jesus start with to feed the people?
  - b. How many people did Jesus feed?

- c. Were there any leftovers?
- d. What does this passage teach about how Jesus feels about people?
- e. What does this passage teach about Jesus' ability to provide for us?

6. Refer to Sunday's sermon and answer the following questions.

- a. In the fourth petition, "Give us this day our daily bread," what is meant by the term "bread"?
- b. Is it okay to pray for luxuries (non-necessities)?
- c. What is meant by the term "this day"?
- d. Why does Jesus place this request before the more spiritual petitions about forgiveness and victory over sin?
- e. Should we pray this prayer if our needs are already met? Explain.
- f. Should we pray for our daily needs, or should we work hard to provide for our daily needs? Explain.

**The Last Word:** "Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." 1 Peter 5:7

