



Grace Group Guide

United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...

-**Scripture:** Be in the Word together

-**Encouragement:** One another each other

-**Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost

-**Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!

Icebreaker: Share a story about a time when the Lord has answered prayer and provided you with some physical need.

- **Transition:** In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus tells his disciples to ask God to "give us this day our daily bread." This is a prayer of supplication, a request for God to provide us with basic physical needs.

-Discussion-

Read: Matthew 6:9-13

"Give us this day our daily bread"

- ***Why do you think this is included in the Lord's prayer? What makes these words significant?***
 - Possible Answers:
 - 1) It reminds us of our total reliance upon God even for basic physical needs,
 - 2) It reminds us that God is not only our Creator, but also our Sustainer... [READ Psalm 54:4]
- **Transition:** Several other passages in Scripture touch on this same theme, and they are worth taking a closer look at...

Read: Exodus 16:1-8

- ***Compare and contrast this passage with the Lord's prayer.***
 - Compare:
 - 1) God provides manna, which was Israel's daily bread
 - Contrast:
 - 1) Israel grumbles,

- 2) their grumbling is against Moses and Aaron – they do not realize that, by doing this, they are actually grumbling against the LORD (v. 8),
- ***What can we learn from this passage?***
 - Possible answers:
 - 1) We need to trust God to provide for us,
 - 2) God is gracious... Israel were complaining (in fact, they say that it would've been better for them to die in Egypt), but God in His grace still provides for them,
 - 3) We are prone to have poor memory and little faith... Israel had just seen God miraculously deliver them from Egypt, but now they lack faith that God will provide their daily needs in the wilderness!

Read: John 6:25-36

- ***What is the connection between this passage, Exodus 16, and the Lord's Prayer?***
 - KEY: Jesus describes himself as the ULTIMATE example of God's provision... those who believe in Jesus, the "bread of life," will no longer hunger nor thirst... their deepest needs/desires will be met

Reflection:

- Why can it be difficult for us to either a) trust God to provide for our daily needs, or b) connect simple needs like bread, air, and water to God's gracious provision?
- How have you found Jesus to be the bread of life? How does faith in Christ fulfill our deepest human needs/desires?

Application:

- Pray the Lord's Prayer every day this week! Consider praying it aloud with your family or friends.
- Make a practice of asking God to provide for your daily needs and thanking Him for His gracious provision.
- Make a habit of remembering the ways that God has answered your prayers and provided for you in the past.

Pray - Thank God for sending His Son, Jesus Christ, the bread of life, the ultimate provision for our needs.