

## Community Group Discussion Questions

“Taste and See” Matt 6:11 Jan 28/29

### Getting Started

As we wait for the fullness of the physical Kingdom of God to come to this earth, we move in confidence that the Kingdom of Jesus is advancing **IN** us. However, in our limitations, frailties and weaknesses, the “model prayer” shifts to a need for His provision to sustain us. **What do you think we need the Father to give us?**

### Going Deeper

I. Recognize your Desperation: “give”

I don't have it,    I can't find it  
I can't buy it.    I can't get it

We can't live the Christian life until we realize that God is the source of all I am and all I have to give. In our culture, we want to rest from our work, but the Bible teaches that we should work from our rest. We rest, trust, put our faith, belief, and confidence in Jesus as our Savior. The Father gives us the gift of His Son, Jesus. Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit to indwell us. The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts to serve the church and the world. Alone, we have NOTHING to offer this world. But because we rest in the fullness of God (Father, Son, & Spirit), we can offer everything to this world.

**What do you need to ask God to give you right now, that would allow you to be a blessing to others?**

**If I received what I asked for would it cause others to be blessed?**

II. Reveal your Desire: “us”

- Believers: God's people
- Blessers: (not a word, but it works)

God is looking for people upon whom to pour out His blessing, so that they might be a blessing with the blessing, for the sole purpose of others blessing the God who blessed you.

**Read Matthew 5:14-16.**

What happens when we 'shine His light' and bless others through our good works toward them?

Who gets the attention when that happens?

Where does God want you to put your spiritual gifts to work in serving others?

III. Renew your Diligence: "This day our daily"

- Becoming complacent leads to indifference
- Becoming content lets you live out your inheritance

The daily tension between becoming complacent or content towards a God of provision rests upon the fault line of presumption. As Americans, we have easy access to food, medical care, clothing, and shelter. Yet, the danger of our abundance is that it easily causes us to forget that it is God who gives us our daily bread and become complacent that it will always be there.

**Read 1 Timothy 5:6-8, and 17-19.** What happens when we allow ourselves to be content AND invest our lives in what really matters?

If you received what you were asking for, would it cause you to be more dependent upon God, or cause you to become self-sufficient?

IV. Receive your Deliverance: "Bread"

**Read John 6:35.** Jesus calls Himself "The Bread of Life."

On how many levels can we understand what He meant by this?

*(Possible answers)*

- He is my Staple (I need Him every day)
- He is my Sustenance (My relationship with Him keeps me going)
- He is my Satisfaction (I am satisfied in Jesus alone)
- He is my Security (His sacrificial death gave me eternal life)

“Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar  
where he found bread” - D.T. Niles

*Special Note:* In John 6:19-21: He holds, He blesses, He breaks, He  
multiplies, and He allows others to pass it out to be the blessing.

## **Prayer Requests**