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THE SOURCE OF OUR NEEDS

With prayer we can learn the prayer is a delight and not a duty.

MEETING AGENDA

ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Jesus promised us our “daily bread.” What are some ways God has provided your daily bread? What does daily bread mean in your life/your family’s life?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verses: Luke 11:1-13; Psalm 73

This week we will learn how prayer can be a delight in our lives rather than feel like a duty...how it can be the best work we do all week long.

INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Proverbs 30:8-9 and Luke 11:1-3. It is essential to have our requests couched in gratitude and the importance of being expectant but satisfied with God's provision. What thoughts do you have regarding this balance: the importance of being both expectant yet content and grateful for what God has given us?
2. Read Luke 11:1-4. When Jesus teaches his disciples to pray, what comes before the need for daily bread? Why is this prior element an essential part of our prayers?
3. Read Matthew 5:3-12. We are all delighted when we receive blessings from God. The goal of a Christian ought to be that God esteems him or her as “Blessed.” What did Jesus say about those whom God says are Blessed? How does prayer help us to be Blessed as God sees it? Consider how Christ explained those who are seen as Blessed?

APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Psalm 73:16-17 and Luke 11:1-3. Think of times when you have faced significant struggles or problems in your life as a Christ-follower. Rather than simply asking God for help, we should worship him and focus on his glory first. What are some ways that we can make sure God is at the center of our focus amid all the struggles in our life?
2. Read Luke 11:2-3; How would it help your prayer life to focus first on the Kingdom of God and His glory and then appreciate all that He provides across every aspect of our life?
3. Although he was far from perfect, King David was called “a man after God’s own heart.” (Acts 13:22) David prayed often and sought God’s wisdom in his kingship and daily life. Moreover, he went to God even though he had sinned. What does David’s example show us about how we are to seek God first, in our challenges, in our triumphs, and even in our sins?

Prayer Prompts (5-10 MINUTES)

Confession - Admitting and confessing your sin to God [Psalm 32:3-5, 1 John 1:4-9]

1. Spend 5 minutes in silence, reflecting and confessing to God. Afterward, close out your night in prayer, asking for forgiveness for the things that separate us from Him.
2. This week, if you feel comfortable, reach out to one member of your small group and share one of the things you confessed to God. If appropriate, agree to hold one another accountable and to pray for one another moving forward.

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for giving us a way to stay connected to you. May we grasp your love and care for our lives as we spend time in prayer for you. Help us to remember that prayer does not need to feel like a duty, but instead, it can be an opportunity to take delight in You and for You to delight in us. Remind us that You will provide what we need day by day, and keep our hearts steadfast as we wait on You to answer us. Help us to trust in You to reorder our priorities and be all we need. We love you and thank You for who You are in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.