

Small Group Notes - 30 September 2018

Welcome

What is your favourite food? Or what is your favourite item of clothing?

Word - The Lord's Prayer – Our daily needs (Bread!)

We highlighted earlier in the series that the Lord's Prayer has six petitions and naturally falls into two divisions. The first 3 petitions are focused upon God, and rightly so. Petitions four to six are concerned with us, ourselves. Our bread, our sin and deliverance.

Firstly, in this prayer, we are acknowledging that we are dependent upon God the Father for our entire daily needs and secondly we are guarding our hearts against ingratitude. Everything we have comes from God. He is the source of all things. He gives us the ability and skills to work and make a living. We have to practice this petition, live it out.

- Celebration – Daily give thanks for what the Father has provided – Psalm 107: 8-9 and 1 Chronicles 29:10-14
- Contentment – Be content with what the Father gives – Exodus 16:1-5 and Philippians 4: 10-13
- Confidence – be confident that the Father hears your prayers and will provide – Matthew 6:25-34 - Philippians 4:19
- Compassion – The prayer is our daily needs not my daily wants. It's about family – the local, national and international family of God – 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Questions

- Why should we pray about our daily needs? What stops us?
- What do you think are the basic necessities of life?
- Do you feel dependent upon God the Father for your daily needs?
- What does the story in Exodus 16 teach us about the way God provides our needs?
- What does the story teach us about man's response?
- How does ingratitude arise and why is it so damaging?
- What secret had Paul discovered for happiness – Philippians 4:10-13?
- How can we learn to be content with what we have in life?
- How can we enjoy the good things in life without becoming materialistic?
- Think about how you might help out those who are in need practically as a group.

Worship

Share testimonies of how God has provided for you. Then give thanks to God in prayer that leads into a time of worship.

Reminders & Prayers

NMBC Members Meeting - Wednesday 3 October – 8pm

Lunch Plus & Alpha commence this Monday 1 October

Graham Gilby, passed away on Thursday afternoon. Please pray for Lorraine and family.

