

Thornbury Baptist Church
Matthew Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

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Talk title: The Bare Necessities of Life

Passage: Matthew 6:11

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Discussion Questions

At a very basic level this is a prayer for food, but it is so much more than this.

- Look back at the previous verses of the Lord's Prayer. How does what we learn about God there encourage us to ask him for bread?
- How easy do you find it to ask for immediate needs rather than long term wants? Do you find the example of the Israelites and God's provision of manna an encouragement? (Exodus 16)
- God uses us to answer the prayers of others. Why do you think he does this rather than sending manna and quail as he did for the Israelites? Remembering that there are people around the world who will die of starvation today, how would you answer someone who questioned God's Father-love because of this?
- Although this is fundamentally a prayer for physical needs, it is also a prayer of trust for God to supply both physical and spiritual needs. Read John 6:25-58. This is a very complicated passage in which Jesus calls himself the 'Bread of Life'. In what ways do you find this a useful metaphor for the activity of Jesus in your life?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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