



WEEK 3: GIVE US & FORGIVE US

Ice Breaker: Tell us something funny/weird/unique about your childhood bedroom.

This week, as reflected in the Lord's Prayer, we heard how God gives us what we need and provides for even our deepest needs. We can be thankful, and live thankful lives because of it - as giving and forgiving people.

Getting Started.

- Looking back on life, can you think of an instance where you are glad **now** that you didn't get what you wanted **then**?

Read Matthew 6:9-13. Focus on 11-12 ("...give us...and forgive us...").

Give us today our daily bread:

- How can you get 'stuck' asking God for what you **want**, rather than what you **need**?
- When's a time where you were surprised how God came through with what you needed?
- What is your biggest need that you feel comfortable sharing today?
- The stats are alarming: we have too much. How can you/we be part of the solution?
- What would it look like for you to live a more thankful life this week?
- Specifically, how might God be calling you to be more generous today?

And forgive us...as have also forgiven...:

- How have you been personally challenged by forgiveness (either giving or receiving it)?
- Have you ever had difficulty forgiving someone for something? Discuss.
- Have you ever been "bowled over" by forgiveness? What was that like?
- Receiving God's forgiveness is meant to result in extending forgiveness to others. How does that go for you? Is that easy, hard, mixed? Why?
- Who is someone that you need to forgive? How can we pray for you in that?

Praying as Giving & Forgiving People.

- When/if you pray, do you ever truly get to your deepest needs?
 - (i.e., are you honest with God?) If not, why not?
- Do your prayers ever ascend to "us", or are they stuck on "me"? How can that change?
- How is confession of sin a part of your prayers? What's it like?
- Do you pray for your 'enemies'? If not, read Matt. 5:43-48 and get to work.

LET'S PRAY!

What's some "daily bread" that you need in this season of life?

For today's meeting, break up into small groups of men and women, grab some scrap paper, and write down your top 5 answers to the question above. Share 1 or 2 answers with the group, and pray for each other. Write down what the others share, and commit to praying for them throughout the week. And remember: this week we are praying for our kids, so don't forget to pray for that too (tonight, and all week)!

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