

March 22 Small Group Questions – Lord's Prayer

1. In Jamie's personal story we learn about his struggle with Trust, as it relates to others and to God. He then states that trust is at the heart of the petition in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." In your own life, have you found similar sorts of trust issues which make it difficult, or even impossible to relate to others, and to God? If so, how has your desire to seek reconciliation been shaped by Sunday's message?
2. In the Lord's prayer we learn from Jesus that, "your Father [in heaven] knows what you need before you ask him." This is then further illustrated through the presentation of Psalm 139:1-4, in which King David reveals that it is God's nature to know us completely. How does this influence, or change your current understanding of prayer as it relates to God?
3. God heard the grumbling of his people in the Exodus account of the "wilderness of sin" experience and in response to their cries He sent *manna* for the Israelites to collect every morning, and a double portion the morning before the day of rest. Have you ever noticed in your own life that your grumbling, or silent prayers, are being heard, and those requests or needs being met?
4. In the knowledge that God is constantly listening to our inner thoughts are there any issues that you thought were completely your own, without anyone else's knowledge, but now you realize that God has known all along? What can you do to seek healing and forgiveness?
5. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us how to make requests of God for our daily needs. The language he uses is very powerful and direct. To that end, knowing that when you pray "give us" is a command, of-a-kind, how does this affect your view of the importance of praying for your daily needs? What sorts of things might you begin to pray for which you had not considered in your previous prayer requests?