



DIGGING DEEPER

Small Group Discussion Guide: Matthew 6:11

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE FOR LORD'S PRAYER SERIES

During this 7-week series on the Lord's Prayer, we will unpack how Jesus teaches his disciples to pray one phrase at a time. **Before you begin your discussion, take a moment to pray together.** Invite the Holy Spirit to open your hearts and minds to what He wants to show you. Ask Him to guide your conversation, help you listen well to one another, and reveal how He is inviting you to grow.

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER: Matthew 6:11

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Don't feel pressured to get through every question! Follow as the Spirit leads and spend your time on the questions that spark meaningful conversation.

1. **Read Matthew 6:11.** After three requests about God, the prayer turns to "give us... our bread." J.I. Packer calls this "a genuine progression," while N.T. Wright warns we can "get there too soon," rushing to our own list. Why do you think Jesus puts ordinary bread first among our requests, and how does praying the first half of the prayer reshape the second?
2. **Read Exodus 16:4, 16–20.** God gave manna one day at a time, and whatever was hoarded spoiled by morning. Kevin DeYoung notes that God wants us "to come every day so he can meet us every day." Where are you most tempted to trust your own "stockpile" more than your Father, and what would daily dependence look like this week?
3. **Read Matthew 6:31–34.** DeYoung writes that "anxiety is living out the future before it gets here," and calls verse 34 "another way of saying, 'Give us this day our daily bread.'" What worry about tomorrow are you carrying today, and how could you hand it to God one day at a time?
4. **Read Matthew 6:11 again.** Jesus teaches us to pray "give us," not "give me." We can't truly pray this petition without becoming aware of those who have no bread, and praying with them. Who comes to mind when you pray "give us," and how might God use you as part of His answer?
5. **Read Matthew 4:3–4 and 26:26.** In the wilderness, a hungry Jesus refused to make bread for Himself and trusted His Father. At the Last Supper, He took bread and said, "This is my body." How does Jesus' trust, and His gift of Himself as the Bread of Life (John 6:35), deepen your confidence that the Father will provide what you truly need?

SHARE & PRAYER

As we anchor ourselves in the Lord's Prayer for this series, we want to grow in our awareness of the ways God's Kingdom is breaking in! We invite you to cultivate the practice of paying attention as you go about your week, pausing to reflect, noticing where you see God at work, and sharing what you've experienced. As we learn to notice and name what God is doing, we become more aware of His presence and more attentive to the ways He is inviting us to participate in what He is doing. **Take on the weekly challenge to pay attention and come prepared to share with your group!**

- **SHARE:** Where have you seen God at work this week? Share a story, moment, conversation, answered prayer, unexpected provision, opportunity, or anything else that made you aware of God. (This could be in your own life, someone else's life, our church, or the world around you).
- **RESPOND:** What might God be inviting you to do, see, trust, change or participate in this week?
- **PRAY:** Share prayer requests and pray together. Incorporate this week's focus from the Lord's Prayer and ask: What does this part of the prayer invite us to ask God?





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MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Pod & Spotify)

- Listen to Sunday messages posted weekly
- Listen to Cutting Room Floor episodes that further unpack sermons

UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **2027 Mission Trip Applications Open** | Due by 11/30 | Submit online at fairoaks.church/missions
- **10/9: Distribution Day at FO/OV Food Bank** | 2nd Friday of the month | 9a-12:30p | Help pack and distribute food | Sign up to help at fairoaks.church/events
- **10/9: Sisterhood Women's Gathering** | 6:30-8p | FLC Conference Rooms | Speaker: Jessica Benton, teaching on redemption and transformation | RSVP at fairoaks.church/events
- **10/11: Food Drive** | 9a-Noon | Worship Center Lobby (Designated Drop off spot near balcony stairs)
- **10/14: Hope Gathering Widows Group** | 5-7pm | Potluck dinner and fellowship | Contact Twila for more information (916) 616-4707 or tbuffalo4@hotmail.com.
- **10/17: Men's Breakfast** | 8-10a | Family Life Center, AMC | Experience fellowship, food, community and time together! | RSVP at fairoaks.church/events
- **10/18: Partnership Track** | 12-4p | Explore church membership & baptism | Details at fairoaks.church/events
- **10/23: Ditch the Parents** | ages 5 through 5th grade | 5-9p | Kids & Youth Center | Games, crafts, food & a movie | No costumes please | Cost: \$15/child | Register at fairoaks.church/events (closes 10/21)
- **11/1: Congregational Meeting** | 11:45a | Worship Center | For members to vote on church officers (elders and deacons) who will begin serving in 2027. More info at fairoaks.church/nominations.
- **11/7: Craft Fair** | 9a-2p | Family Life Center | Come shop for handmade crafts and seasonal items for the holidays | All proceeds will benefit missions and outreach projects through Fair Oaks Church
- **11/8: Thanksgiving Food Drive** | 9a-12p | Worship Center Lobby | We are partnering with the Sayonara Center in Citrus Heights and Northridge Elementary School to provide local families with all ingredients for a Thanksgiving meal | List of needed items at fairoaks.church/events
- **11/8: Family Devotions Class** | 12-2p | Kids Assembly Room | Engaging the Bible and prayer with your children! | Recommended for 3-8th grade and their parents | Lunch provided | Childcare provided for children under 3rd grade | Details at fairoaks.church/events
- **11/8: Winds of Faith Concert** | 4-6p | Worship Center | Winds of Faith is a non-profit community concert band with over 30 members | Free (a freewill offering will be taken)

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Check The Weekly fairoaks.church/theweekly - All church news in one spot!

