

## **Give Us This Day...**

### **Providing for Your Neighbor**

Jesus had just preached one of the most powerful messages ever spoken in His sermon on the mount. The crowds were still around and His disciples were witnessing amazing, unbelievable power when Jesus prayed. So, they asked Him to teach them to pray like Him. He said when you pray, “pray like this.” What followed is a model not only for our pray life, but for life in general.

We often live like everything depends on our hustle, but Jesus teaches us to pray for daily bread. This series explores how God sustains our bodies, guards our minds, and feeds our souls twenty-four hours at a time.

“Give us this day our daily bread...”

For the past few weeks we have examined the Lord’s Prayer...and specifically the phrase, “Give Us This Day”. We’ve looked closely at how God loves us deeply and provides for us completely. We’ve seen how He provides for our Bodies with daily bread, how He guards and renews our Minds with His perfect peace, and how He redeems and anchors our Souls for eternity.

But God doesn’t pour into us just so the blessing stops with us. He fills our cups to overflowing so that the overflow runs onto a world in need.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

This is the "so that" of the Christian life. God provides for your body, mind, and soul so that you are equipped to go out into your neighborhood and care for their bodies, minds, and souls.

Let’s look at how we are called to go and do likewise.

### **Caring for the Body**

15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? James 2:15-16

God provides for our bodies so that we can open our hands to supply the physical needs of our neighbors.

### **Caring for the Mind**

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

God doesn't just want us to feed people...He calls us to be present with them.

## **Caring for the Soul**

15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15

While we must feed the hungry and comfort the brokenhearted, if we do not introduce them to the Savior...we have only given them temporary comfort. The greatest provision God has given us is salvation through Jesus. To care for our neighbor's soul is to love them enough to share the eternal hope, forgiveness, and transformation found only in the Jesus.

**God has given us everything we need for today. Now, let's go out those doors and abound in every good work, being the hands, the ears, and the voice of Jesus to a world that needs Him.**

## **The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday***

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

**Monday** – When you pray "Give us our daily bread," who in your immediate circle of family, small group, or co-workers comes to mind as needing God's provision right now?

**Tuesday** – God raises our standard of giving, not just our standard of living. What has God given you in abundance (ex. time, money, wisdom) that He wants you to share today?

**Wednesday** – Think of someone who is going through a hard time. How can you be the "boots on the ground" for their prayers today instead of just telling them, "I'll pray for you"?

**Thursday** – Are you acting like the Sea of Galilee (allowing God's blessings to flow through you to others) or the Dead Sea (holding resources and preventing new life)?

**Friday** – Who can you reach out to before the sun goes down today to ask a simple, heavy-lifting question: "How can I help bear your burden today?"