



## Daily Dependence

Discussion Guide | Jan 26, 2020

Matthew 6:11

### Questions for Study and Discussion

\*\* Before you begin, please read Matthew 6:5-13 (these questions will focus on Matthew 6:11)

1. If someone followed you around for a day, what things in your life would they say are “basic” or essential for you? (Have some fun with this, and be willing to laugh at yourself - coffee? your phone? etc.)
2. Now work to create a list of things that are truly essential for you. How does this compare with your response(s) from Question #1?
3. Think about life in the first century (much less convenience than we have today, resources that could be scarce, etc.). With that in mind, what is the “daily bread” that Jesus is telling his followers to pray for? What stands out to you about this?
4. In what ways is it encouraging to know that we can bring our daily requests to God? What does this teach you about prayer, and the God to whom we pray?
5. What are the different ways God might respond to our requests? How should followers of Jesus respond to these ways God answers prayers?
6. Jesus is encouraging us to daily depend on God for those things that are truly essential for us. In our own culture that is affluent in so many ways, how can this sort of daily dependence be challenging or counterintuitive?
7. Why is daily dependence on God valuable - what does it do to (or in) you?
8. Read the following passages. After each, share how it reinforces or adds to what you’ve learned in Matthew 6:11.
  - Proverbs 30:7-9
  - Matthew 6:25-34
  - Philippians 4:6-7
  - James 4:3
9. What are some practical ways you can grow in looking to and acknowledging God’s provision daily for your everyday needs? Why is this important?
10. What have you learned from Matthew 6:11 that can make a practical difference in your prayer life?
11. End your group time in prayer - expressing dependence on God for the things you need, and gratitude for his provision.