

#### BREAKING THE ICE

Have you ever had a trust fall that went bad and someone didn't catch you? Explain.

Explain a time where you had to use your faith and trust God through a really difficult circumstance. How did you see your faith grow through that circumstance?



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We continued the "Trust Fall" series this week with Pastor Kevin continuing to discuss the Lord's Prayer and how it relates to our daily lives.

1. As a child did you pray the Lord's Prayer? Tell your group about your experience with the Lord's Prayer in your life. Was it a routine or more of an occasional thought?

The Lord's Prayer is a reminder of how God provides for us both spiritually and physically. (Take a moment to recite the Lord's Prayer with your group.)

Matthew 6:9-13

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.



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Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

2. Which of the verses in the Lord's Prayer resonates with you the most and why?

Over the last few weeks, we've heard about whom we are praying to, "our Father God and His kingdom on Earth as it is in heaven." We know that God is listening to our prayers and He wants us to have His kingdom here on Earth.

His kingdom is a reflection of Him. We are also a reflection of Him when we choose to follow Him. We can have His peace, joy, love and forgiveness when we follow Him and trust Him.

3. Where do you see the reflection of God on your life? Explain.

God's reflection is on us when we go to Him and trust Him.

Trust is mentioned for both our physical needs and also our spiritual needs in the Lord's Prayer. This week Pastor Kevin taught on the verses, "Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

It's easy to get caught up in believing we are the ones providing for everything in our lives. We work for food, clothing, shelter and for our daily necessities in life. We trust in ourselves and for our jobs to provide



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for these things. But God wants us to trust in Him; to trust that He will supply all of our needs and He will give us the resources we need.

4. Where have you had to trust God to meet a physical need and saw His provision for that need?

When we don't trust God, we tend to worry. There are unlimited things that we worry about. We worry about our bills, our kids, our jobs and the list can go on and on. God wants us to trust Him as our provider. Just as He provided for the Israelites in the desert, He will provide for us. God provides everything we need one day at a time.

5. What do you need to trust God with today?

Read Deuteronomy 8:16-18.

There is nothing too small or too insignificant to God. He wants you to bring everything to Him. Everything matters to Him. When we pray to God first and give Him what we are struggling with, He works in us to help accomplish what we are asking for.

If we continue to trust ourselves and do things on our own it turns to pride (where we depend on ourselves and think we don't need God).

6. Is there an area of your life where you have pride; where you are dependent on yourself and you accomplish things on your own instead of letting God work through you?

God wants us to trust Him to do everything in life with Him. When we continually follow Him and trust Him, we see the blessings of His provision. His provision can be used to help others.



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7. Where can you use the provisions God has blessed you with to help others with their needs?

God also provides us with forgiveness. Nobody's perfect and we ALL need His forgiveness every day. Christ took our sins and imperfections to the cross so we could be close to Him. Just as He forgave us, we need to forgive others. The hardest work of faith is forgiving others like Christ forgave us. We need Jesus to help us receive His grace so we can give it to others.

- 8. Do you find it hard to give grace to others in your life if they have wronged you? Explain.
- 9. How can you be more like Christ and show grace to those who need it?



### **PRAYER**

Father God, thank you for providing me with all my physical needs and thank you for providing me with forgiveness so I can be in relationship with you. Please help me practice the grace and forgiveness you freely give me with others. As you provide for me daily, show me where I can help provide for others and their needs. In Jesus name, Amen.

### **ACTION STEP**

Every day this week tell God what you need for the day.

Say, "God, I am trusting you with \_\_\_\_\_\_ today." Take time to text a group member and ask them what they are praying to trust God with as well. Commit to texting and praying for each other's need every day. Come back next week and share stories of where you felt God met your need.