



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Spring Quarter - Lesson 8 - Week of June 1, 2025

Lesson: GOD'S ABUNDANT TABLE!

Bible Verses: John 6:51; Psalm 23:5-6; Ephesians 3:20; Matthew 6:25-34; Philippians 4:19;
Proverbs 3:5; Romans 8:28; I Kings 17:7-16

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. If you could invent a holiday, what would it be?
2. Do you have any pets? If so, do you consider them a part of the family?

DISCUSSION

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. " - James 1:17

Who is more concerned with your basic needs than your heavenly Father? God is involved spiritually, but He also wants you to be healthy and have your basic needs taken care of. The same hand that guides your soul gives food for your body. The same one who clothes you in goodness also clothes your body. In the school of life, God is both the teacher and the chief. He provides fire for the heart and food for the stomach. Your eternal salvation and your daily meals come from the same hand. God does not leave you in the cold. He sees your needs and longs to invite you to join Him at His abundant table. This table has many chairs, and the food is great.

God is committed to caring for our needs. Paul tells us that a man who will not feed his own family is worse than an unbeliever (I Timothy 5:8). So, how much more will a holy God care for His children? After all, how can we fulfil His mission unless our needs are met? How can we teach, minister, or influence unless our basic needs are satisfied? Read Hebrews 13:5.

God's kitchen does not need us to cook. Things may be different in your house, but in the house of God, the one who provides the food is the same one who prepares the meal. We simply need to take our place at the table and gladly trust him to "give us our daily bread." We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him (Romans 8:28).

We must be like Paul and be able to say, "I have learned the secret of being happy at any time in everything that happens, when I have enough to eat and when I go hungry, when I have more than I need and when I do not have enough. I can do all things through Christ because He gives me strength (Philippians 4:12-13)."

Remember:

1. Your heavenly Father is concerned with your basic needs.
2. God invites you to ask confidently for your needs to be met.
3. The purpose of your praying and trusting God is not to change you but to give you peace.
4. You can trust that the Lord will provide your daily bread.

Bible Study: Read 1 Kings 17:7-16 and Matthew 6:25-34.

1. God desires to meet even your most basic needs. What basic needs did Elijah have? What more dire needs did the widow in Zarephath have (1 Kings 17:7-12)?
2. What instructions did Elijah give the widow to meet this need? What did he say would happen when she followed his instructions (verses 13-14)?
3. What resulted when the widow obeyed (verses 15-16)? What does this story reveal about God's willingness and ability to meet your daily needs?
4. Jesus also spoke about God's desire to care for his children's basic needs. What did Jesus say about God providing food for his children (Matthew 6:25-27)?
5. Jesus instructed His listeners not to worry about what they would eat, drink, or wear, for God knew their needs. What should they do instead (verses 31-34)?
6. What worries and anxieties must you take to Him today?

Things to Expect at God's Table.

1. Grace at the table.
2. Healing at the table.
3. Peace at the table.
4. Abundance at the table.
5. Wisdom at the table.
6. Forgiveness at the table.

Devotion: God, help us to gather around your table daily while we live our lives for you.