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**LORD'S
PRAYER**

STUDY GUIDE

Petition: “Daily Bread”

Matthew 6.5-15

WELCOME & SHARING

Share any announcements...

- Baby Bottle Campaign: New City is again supporting Life Forward Pregnancy Care of Cincinnati in its annual baby bottle fundraiser. Take an empty bottle on Sunday, fill it with coins, cash or checks and return the bottles by Sunday March 1. The funds collected go toward providing free pregnancy tests and life-affirming guidance to women in need. Life Forward also provides parenting classes, support groups, and baby supplies to local moms. To learn more about their mission, visit pregnancycareofcincinnati.org. cGroups can also help by shopping for mom's at Life Forward's baby registry (details to come soon).
- Officer nominations are open for the next month. If there are men you'd like to nominate for the office or elder or deacon, check out the post on The City (<http://newcity.onthecity.org/groups/83659/topics/1954705>) and fill out a nomination form.
- Men's Prayer - Thursday Jan 29, 6:30-7:30am at Floral Ave building.
- Discuss upcoming plans/meeting dates for your Community Group

Opener Question: We're talking about “daily bread” this week. Bread was the staple diet of the ancient world. What is your “go to meal,” the meal you eat more often than any other?

Intro: We're starting the year with a series on The Lord's Prayer. Perhaps no words have been repeated more in the history of the entire world. And yet the familiarity can serve to disconnect us from the meaning. For six weeks we are going to study the Lord's Prayer piece by piece.

STUDY/DISCUSSION

1. Have you been experimenting with praying the Lord's Prayer? What have you been doing? How's it been going?
2. **Read Luke 10:38-42.** Why is Martha upset? How does Jesus respond? This story comes directly before The Lord's Prayer in Luke's Gospel. Does this story have any bearing on how we think about our prayer lives?
3. What would need to change for you to make prayer more of a priority in 2015?
4. **Read Matthew 6:5-15.** This week we are focusing on verse 11. Daily bread is a phrase that appears on grocery lists in the ancient world, unlike the other things we have been discussing ("hallowed be your name, thy kingdom come", etc). What is the significance of something so common finding its way into Jesus' model prayer?
5. Petitionary prayer is "putting our needs before God." Do you find this type of prayer easy to pray? Why or why not?
6. **Read Luke 11:5-10.** Jesus tells this story right after his teaching on the Lord's Prayer. What does it teach us about how we are supposed to pray?
7. James 4:2 says "*You have not because you ask not*" (KJV). This doesn't mean that we get everything we ask for, just like we ask for it. God is after all, a Father, who knows best for his children. But that said, the promise is there that God really truly does answer prayer. What holds you back from asking more of God?
8. Discuss the following quote: "*One of the immediate changes the gospel makes is grammatical; we instead of I; our instead of my; us instead of me."* (Eugene Peterson). How does this help expand our prayer lives?
9. What can you apply to your life this week?

PRAYER

Take some time to pray together as a group. This series is a great chance to be a little more quick with your discussions in order to leave more time for concentrated prayer at the end. We encourage you to use the Bookmarks we handed out on Sunday to help guide your prayer time. Close your time by praying The Lord's Prayer together.