



WEEK JAN 31-FEB 6

MAIN IDEA

Jesus teaches us to pray for God's provision.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the "highs & lows" of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. Before we begin today's discussion, let's begin by going before the Lord in prayer. Say the Lord's Prayer together (found in Matthew 6:9-13) and then have two people pray for your time together.
2. Tell the group about a time when you were worried about a need being provided for (job, food, transportation). How did that end up playing out? Read Matthew 6:11. What is the heart of this part of the prayer?

LOOK IN (OBSERVATION) 15 min

3. Read James 4:1-3. What is James saying about our desires?

4. Read Deuteronomy 10:14. According to this passage, what does God "own"?
5. Read Philippians 4:19. What is the promise made in this passage?

LOOK UP (UNDERSTANDING) 20 min

6. What areas of provision do you need to survive?
7. Do you ask God for help in providing for your basic needs? Why or why not?
8. Do you view everything as belonging to God and you are the steward? Why or why not?
9. If you were to identify the "war of desires" within you, what desire would you say is at war with God's desire for your life?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

10. What is one step you can take this week, to change the narrative of your heart and trust God more as your provider?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. Experiences: Begin to schedule your different experiences for this group season (prayer, serve, etc.).
2. Use the prayer guide provided by the church to spend daily time in prayer.
3. Start a Bible reading plan together! We recommend the book of Matthew because it has 28 chapters and will take you four weeks to complete if you read one chapter a day.