



PRAISE•PRAY•LIVE
...embracing the
CONSECRATED
LIFE

WEEK 3
HIS WILL BE DONE

Romans 11:33-12:2

1. Don't take His _____ or _____ for _____. (11:33-36)

2. _____ to His _____, _____, and _____ will. (12:1-2)



DAY 1

“Give us this day....”

Prayer: Proverbs 3:5 – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.” As we begin this week’s study, ask God to help you trust Him more and give you greater understanding for how He wants to provide for you in every part of life.

Memorize: This week we will continue memorizing The Lord’s Prayer. Can you remember Matthew 6: 9 – 10? Recite (or read) them now. Then read verse 11. “Give us this day our daily bread.”

Bible Study: Read John 6:1-15. This is the only miracle of Christ (other than the resurrection) that is recorded by all 4 gospel writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Even though John’s gospel was written after the others, he was inspired by God to record this miracle in great detail.

1. The setting: (vv. 1 – 4) Describe when & where this miracle took place:

John wants us to know that this is not a fairy tale or legend. This event happened at a specific time and place in history!

a. (v. 2) Note who was following Christ & why:

2. Who does Jesus interact with in vv. 5 - 7?

a. How does he respond?

b. What does his response in v. 7 tell you about him?

3. In vv. 8-9 which disciple enters the narrative at this point?

a. And how does he respond to the problem at hand?

b. What does his response in v.9 say about his faith in Christ?

4. Even though Philip and Andrew had seen many miracles of Christ they did not expect Him to provide for the needs of the crowd. What situations do you face where you doubt that He will provide for you?

5. In what ways do you identify with the crowd who was following Jesus?

6. Can you list any times in your life where God has tested you with opportunities to trust His provision or to trust your own understanding of the situation?

7. How have you responded in those situations? Do you always respond the same way?

8. How do you think God wants you to grow and change through these times of testing?

9. What did you learn today about the character of Christ that will allow you to trust Him with all of your needs?

DAY 2

Prayer: Psalm 37:5 “Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him and He will act.” Make this verse a personal prayer back to God as you ask Him to help you commit every part of your life to Him – trusting that He will provide for you and act on your behalf.

Memorize: Matthew 6:11 “ _____ this day our daily bread.” Focus on those first words. God’s provision for us is given. It’s not earned or deserved. As our loving Heavenly Father, God gives us what we need.

Bible Study: Read Mark 6:30-44. Today we will look at Mark’s Gospel recounting of the “Feeding of the 5000.” Yesterday we saw in John 6 that the crowd followed Jesus because he was healing the sick. He was the miracle worker that everyone wanted to see. We will see that Christ is revealed here as “Jehovah-Jireh” – God our provider.

1. From v. 34 describe Christ’s reaction to the crowd:

a. Why did he respond to them in this way?

2. In Luke 9 we can read another account of this miracle. Read v. 9 and describe Christ’s reaction to this miracle seeking crowd. _____

3. What can we learn about Jesus by the way He responded to those who followed Him – even those whose motives were not right?

4. In Mark’s gospel Jesus responds to the people as their shepherd. Mark gives us a new detail in Mark 6:39. What is it? _____

Did you catch it? The grass was green! Can you think of another passage of scripture where the Shepherd has His sheep sit (lie) down in green pastures?

5. Read Psalm 23. What does the Shepherd provide for His sheep in this Psalm?

Physical provision:

Spiritual provision:

6. In Mark 6:40 – 41 Jesus feeds the “sheep”. Why do you think He chose to distribute the miracle food in this way?

7. What perhaps did His disciples learn from how Jesus involved them in distributing what He was providing?

8. Today we have seen that Jesus has compassion for His sheep – He knows what they need, and provides for their needs in ways they were not expecting. Our good Shepherd continues to act on our behalf today. He knows us – and knows what we need. What are some ways that you see God’s provision in your life?

9. In both Mark 6 and Psalm 23 we see that God longs to feed us not just physically, but also spiritually. What are some ways that God provides for you physically?

How does God feed you spiritually?

Take a few minutes today to commit yourself to God’s care. Praise Him - your Jehovah-Jireh - for His provision– both physical and spiritual. Ask Him to help you grow in trust for Him as your Good Shepherd.

DAY 3

Prayer: Jeremiah 29:13 “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” Ask God today to draw your whole heart to Himself. May you seek to know Him as He truly is.

Memorize: Matthew 6:11 “ _____ our daily bread.” Let’s focus on the next 2 words: this day. We receive from God what we need for each day. He always provides at exactly the right time. Recite or read Matthew 6:9-10. Now add as much of verse 11 as you can.

Bible Study: Read John 6:14-15. Today we’re going back to John 6 to look at how the crowd responded to Jesus after their miracle meal.

1. Who did the people believe that Christ was? _____ (for a hint look at Exodus 18:15)

2. What did they want Him to be? _____

3. At this time the nation of Israel was ruled by the oppressive Roman Empire. Why do you think they wanted Christ to be their earthly king? How would you describe their motives?

4. In our world today, we’re not looking for a political king, but we do often look to Christ to be something other than who He is. In your experience what are we looking for our “Savior” to be for us?

5. Read John 6: 22-29. What day is it now?

6. Why do you think the crowd went looking for Jesus?

7. In v. 25 what question did they ask Jesus?

8. Jesus didn’t answer their question, but in v. 26 what does He reveal about their motives?

9. In v. 27 how does He challenge them to change their thinking?

10. Where does He tell them to look for spiritual food?

11. As you read v. 28, who are the people focusing on, themselves or Christ?

12. Jesus takes the focus back again to their hearts in v. 29 – what does He tell them to do?

13. Are there any ways in which God is challenging you to move your focus from the “material world” to the “spiritual world?”

14. How would your life change if you started laboring for the “food that endures to eternal life?”

DAY 4

Prayer: John 6:48 “I am the bread of life.” Thank God today for the gift of Christ. Praise Him as bread that satisfies completely. Thank Him for His sacrifice that gives eternal life.

Memorize: Matthew 6:11 “ Give us this day _____
_____.” What are we asking God for here? Our daily Bread! What we need to get through this day. We can trust Him to provide what we need at exactly the right time.

Bible Study: Read John 6:30 – 35.

1. To what does the crowd compare the miraculous meal they had yesterday?

2. Compare and contrast God’s provision of manna in the wilderness with Christ’s miraculous feeding of the 5000. (For reference look at Exodus 16)

3. What does this crowd of people seem to be looking for?

4. Can you think of ways that we fall into the same trap of comparisons today? Comparing what we have with what we *think* or *wish* we had?

5. As you read vv. 33-35, what does Jesus want them to understand about Him?

6. Are there times in your life when you come to the Savior asking for Him to act according to your desires rather than looking for His purpose in your life?

7. How does this hinder you from knowing who Jesus really is?

8. In v. 33 we see that Jesus gives life – this life is *zoe* or spiritual life. Not *bios* or biological life. In v. 35 we see that He is the Bread that fills. What do we need to do to find *zoe* in Christ?

9. Are there parts of your life where you are not finding satisfaction today? What would change if you began to see Jesus as your “Bread of Life?”

10. As you review the past 4 days of study who do you most identify with and why? Philip (who had seen Christ’s miracles, but didn’t think He would act today), Andrew (who didn’t think his small bit of food would be enough for Jesus to use), the crowd (who wanted Christ to act according to their plans rather than His.

11. In what ways have you found Jesus to be your Jehovah-Jireh – your provider?

12. Your Good Shepherd?

13. Your Bread of Life?

DAY 5

Prayer: Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” Pray today that God will cause you to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Ask Him to fill you with the desire to know and obey His word above all. May you long to find the complete satisfaction that comes from knowing Christ.

Memorize: Today recite Matthew 6:9-11.

Bible Study: Read Mark 1:12 - 13 and Matthew 4:1 – 11. Throughout this week we have studied the Feeding of the 5000 – when Jesus miraculously provided bread for a massive crowd of people. Today, we’re going back to the beginning of Christ’s ministry on earth, to a time when He chose not to provide bread through a miracle.

1. Compare the 2 passages to determine when and where this event took place? (perhaps looking briefly at the verses before and after)

2. Why would Christ have chosen this extreme fast and temptation before He began His public ministry?

3. According to Hebrews 2:18 and 4:14-16 what benefits have all believers gained from Christ’s temptation?

4. Do you think it’s significant that the Spirit led or drove Christ to this time of testing? Why or why not?

5. Knowing that God allowed this testing to come to His Son, what conclusions can you draw about your own times of temptation and testing?

6. As you reread Matthew 4:3, why do you think Satan chose to tempt Christ with food?

7. What areas of personal weakness can become temptations in your life?

8. In Matthew 4:4, why do you think Jesus responds by quoting Scripture?

9. During His time of temptation Christ chose to identify Himself with the people of Israel in a specific way. Read Deuteronomy 8:2 – 3 and make note of the parallels between the Israelite’s wilderness experience and Jesus’ wilderness experience.

10. According to Deuteronomy 8:3 why did God feed the people with manna?

11. When Satan tempted Jesus to make bread he was giving Christ the opportunity to miraculously show His power –as God did in the wilderness with the people of Israel. Why did Jesus not make bread at this time?

12. Clearly it’s not wrong to eat when you’re hungry, but at this moment satisfying hunger was not Christ’s goal. When can good things become wrong in your life?

13. When you’re experiencing a difficult time – or even a bad day – what are some physical comforts that you are drawn to?

14. As women our lives are filled with the daily matters of this physical life. And yet throughout this week we have been reminded that Jesus’ desire for us is to pursue spiritual life above all. What are some practical ways that you can grow your “hunger and thirst for righteousness?”

15. Are there any areas of your life that you need to reprioritize so that you can focus on pursuing *zoe* (spiritual life) more than *bios* (physical life)?
