

Daily Bread

“Mom, what’s for dinner?” All kids ask that question – anticipating something satisfying and delicious ... perhaps a favorite food. Perhaps a little something extra to chase away hunger at night. When Christ says “give us this day our daily bread” in the Lord’s prayer **Matthew 6:11** he teaches us to depend on God for our physical as well as spiritual provision. Throughout the new testament, we are ALSO taught to always remain responsive to the physical needs of the people in our world. James wrote “Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food,”... “If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?” (James 2:15–16).

Here are some questions to meditate on during the day... and to talk about when we meet on Saturday.

- In God’s kingdom, where does our spiritual life end and physical life begin?

- Why do you think Christ spoke of “daily bread” in the Lord’s prayer?

- Why do you think that food is such a common theme in teachings about Christian generosity? What point do you think that James was trying to make in his discussion on deeds and faith?
