

DISCUSSION GUIDE

PART 3: Grow in God's Goodness DATE: 08-29-2021

START

There is something so comforting when we know that there are people in our lives who pray for us. Praying for others is one of the kindest things we can do. How lucky are we that we can talk with our Heavenly Father on our own behalf and on behalf of others?

- Do you have someone in your life that has been praying for you? What are some ways you could let them know you are grateful for their prayers?
- Who do you need to pray for this week? A friend, colleague, family member? Set aside some time and pray for them.

READ

Matthew 6:11-13 (NIV)

"Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

THINK

Just like God provided bread for the Israelites in the desert, He will provide for you. You can trust Him to be your provider because He is a good God. God is our Father, and like all parents, He wants to give good gifts to his children (Check out Matthew 7:9-11).

- What stops you from trusting that God will provide for your needs?
- What needs in your life worry you the most? Have you tried to ASK | SEEK | KNOCK?

Forgiveness is a two-way street. We are all in need of God's forgiveness; and because God forgives us, we should be willing to forgive others, even when they have wronged us. Receiving God's forgiveness is life-giving and brings freedom. The same is true when we forgive others. We not only set them free, we also set ourselves free from the bitterness of withholding forgiveness.

- Is there sin in your life that you need to face? Name it. Write it out or say it out loud.
- What makes it difficult to receive God's forgiveness in your life?
- Who do you need to forgive? What is holding you back?

PRAY

"God, help us to trust you as our provider. Give us all that we need for today. Show us what it means to forgive others and let us receive your forgiveness in our lives. Amen."

ACT

This week, take some time to spend in prayer by utilizing the Rooted <u>prayer guide</u>.

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ONE CHURCH. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.