

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

11. What do you want most out of life, and what do you need to bring to your Father in prayer?

12. How can we help one another see God's provision in our daily lives and learn to trust Him in an increasing way?

13. What changes about a person's life when they learn to trust God enough to ask for the things you need? Do you know anyone that you would describe this way? How could you model their faith?

Prayer Requests

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September 18, 2016

Sermon Notes

God's Promise for You:

God's Provision in Uncertain Times

1 Samuel 21

1. God's Provision is often u_____ (v.1)

2. God's Provision is r_____ in m_____ (vv3-6)

To be consecrated means to s_____ a_____.

Jesus brought the m_____ of God back to the heart of the Law...back to the forefront – where m_____ and g_____ takes center stage in the human / God relationship.

3. God's Provision is c_____. (v.7)

God's presence in our lives does not ensure t_____ – for us or those around us. Good things will not necessarily happen to you because you are m_____ and k_____.

4. God's Provision is S_____ (vv. 8-9)

5. God's Provision is for b_____ people (vv. 2, 10-15)

The difference between Achish and God is that God doesn't s_____ m_____ away. He c_____ and b_____ and w_____ them...

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. What distractions most often keep you from focusing on God?
2. On Sunday, Pastor Rob talked about the fullness of God's provision for us in Christ. Where do you most often struggle to trust Christ's provision in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ MATTHEW 7:7-8

3. What does it teach us about God that you can approach Him in order to ask for what you need?
4. Re-read verse 8. What do we gain the more often you take things to God in prayer? What does Jesus promise to all who approach Him in prayer?
5. What holds you back from asking God for the things you need? Why should we keep praying even if we don't get the answer we want? What do you learn about God through the practice of prayer?

READ MATTHEW 7:9-11

6. What example did Jesus use to illustrate His point that we need to go to God more often in prayer? What does this analogy teach us about the posture we assume as we approach God?

7. Do you ever feel like you are bothering God with your many requests? How does Jesus' example change your perception? How do children approach their fathers? How do fathers respond to their children?

READ MARK 10:46-52

8. Jesus asked the simple question: "What do you want me to do for you?" Imagine you were in Bartimaeus's position (not blind, but needy)—what would you ask for? Why?

9. We know Jesus is God, and because He is God, He knows everything. So why does Jesus ask this question? What does this truth tell us about the nature of trust, dependence, and prayer?