

Keeping it real by Going Deeper!

The Passage & The Message: Matthew 6: verse 11, Jesus taught His disciples to pray saying,

“Give us this day our daily bread,”

You probably have noticed that I have chosen to use the SPLAT acronym to form the basis of the questions for these ‘going deeper’ studies. This is intentional on my part. For I not only want to get us thinking about how last Sunday’s bible passage and message speaks into our lives personally, but I also want to give you a model for thinking through this process. It is also my hope that this process will become second nature to us all, and that you might make use of this process with those that you are intentionally seeking to make disciples of yourselves (e.g. family, friends, the unsaved - anyone you are deliberately working to see grow in Christ).

Getting Started:

1. What **Stood** out to you?

What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be most helpful, or eye-opening?

2. What **Puzzled** you?

Did anything in this verse or message puzzle you, trouble you or cause you to ask questions about anything that you hadn’t necessarily thought about much before?

3. What did you **Learn** about God and His people?

What did you learn from these words of Jesus about the nature of God and the nature of His people?

- *God*

- *His people*

4. How might this **Apply**?

Many of us will already know these words of Jesus “Give us this day our daily bread” (Matthew 6:11) and in various ways ‘pray something along these lines’ often. In the sermon, I suggested these words teach us to do at least the three following things, because of Jesus’ words. Under each of these, I would like you to discuss your current thinking and behaviour – and why this is.

- **Recognize** that all our daily provision comes from God.
Current Answer: (e.g. What you do and why this is?)

Is there any growing awareness that might now be affecting your thinking and informing some new behaviour in your walk with Jesus?

Answer to Reflective Response:

- **Asking God** for “your daily bread”.
Current Answer: (e.g. What you do and why this is?)

Is there any growing awareness that might now be affecting your thinking and informing some new behaviour in your walk with Jesus?

Answer to Reflective Response:

- **Giving thanks to God** for our daily bread and His daily provisions and mercy.
 - a. *Within your marriage?* (If married or if not, with those you are closest to)
E.g. currently, what you do and why this is:

 - b. *Within your home?* (Thinking here of one’s children, or others who live with you)
E.g. currently, what you do and why this is:

 - c. *Within the Fellowship with other believers?*
E.g. currently, what you do and why this is:

 - d. *Within your place of work?*
E.g. currently, what you do and why this is:

 - e. *Within your community?* (i.e. Friends, Clubs & Pubs, Sports, Social Engagements and Social service etc.) *E.g. currently, what you do and why this is:*

