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In what ways have you placed your own kingdom above God's?

Examine your heart and truly look at whether you are ready and willing to give up your own will for your life in exchange for God's. What would look different?

“Give us today our daily bread...”

God cares about our needs and what happens to us in our day to day life.

Do you lift your daily needs up to God, or do you hesitate to pray about seemingly little things?

Do you give credit to God and His provision for all the tiny day to day things you receive in your life?

“Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.”

In Jesus' time, debt was punishable by a prison sentence, or even death.

Forgiveness of debt was no small thing. It was a gift of extravagant mercy.

God's gift of forgiveness through Jesus should transform us into people who spread that same extravagant mercy to those around us.

Does Christ's work on the cross cultivate such gratitude in you that you feel compelled to extend radical grace and forgiveness to others? Why or why not?

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”

What temptation are you seeking relief from? If you are willing, share with the group so they can join you in battling it through prayer.

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Father, thank you for the incredible gift of being able to come before your throne in prayer. May your name be glorified as we pray and as we live our lives. Change our hearts where we don't understand or accept your will, and create in us a heart willing to surrender to you. In the name of Jesus, amen.

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