

Part 3: Our Daily Bread ***Pastor Tom Kang***

Icebreaker: When was the last time you walked somewhere you could have driven? What did you notice at 3MPH that you'd have missed at 40MPH?

1. After two weeks of praying for God's name, kingdom, and will, the first thing Jesus lets us ask for ourselves is one loaf for one day (Matthew 6:11, ESV). If you got to write the first request, what would you have asked for? What does it say about Jesus that He chose bread?

2. Read Deuteronomy 8:3 (ESV) slowly: "he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna." Pastor Tom said the hunger was half the lesson. When has a season of lack taught you something a season of plenty never could?

3. Matthew 6:34 (ESV) says, "Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." Corrie ten Boom is often quoted as saying worry doesn't empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength. What is a worry you're currently carrying for a tomorrow that hasn't arrived? What would it look like to hand it back?

4. Pastor Tom said the lesson of the manna is one word: Enough. He also reminded us that there are more self-storage facilities in America than Starbucks, McDonald's, and Subways combined. Where in your life has "more" quietly become the default setting? Is that a behavior problem or a worship problem for you?

5. Pastor Tom's dad prayed Proverbs 30:8-9 (ESV) every day while running a convenience store: "give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me." Read the whole prayer together. Which danger does the writer fear more, having too much or too little, and which one are you actually closer to?

6. James 2:15-16 (ESV) asks what good it is to tell a hungry brother "go in peace, be warmed and filled" without giving him anything. Is there someone in your life that this prayer is pointing you toward? What would being "part of the answer" actually cost you?

7. Before Jesus taught us to pray for bread, He spent 40 days in the wilderness with none, and when tempted to make stones into bread, He quoted the manna verse (Matthew 4:3-4, ESV). Why does it matter that the One who taught this prayer refused the shortcut Himself? Where are you tempted to turn stones into bread instead of trusting the Father?

Take-Home Challenge: Every morning this week, before you check your phone, pray one sentence: "Give us this day our daily bread." Then name one specific thing you need for today only, and one person you could be bread for. At the end of the week, share with the group: did God miss a morning?