

Where Your Treasure Is...

3. Material Prayer

Home Group Questions

Reading: Proverbs 30.7-9

1. What struck you about what you heard on Sunday morning? Was there anything you didn't understand or agree with?
2. This week we are looking at praying about our material and financial needs, which some can find uncomfortable. How would rate yourself on a scale of 1 (v uncomfortable) to 5 (v comfortable) when it comes to praying about your practical needs? Why?
3. Jesus teaches us to pray 'Give us today our daily bread'. This references the miraculous provision for the Israelites of manna in the desert. Have you ever experienced a divine answer to a pressing, practical need? If so, what happened?
4. Proverbs 30.7-9 describes walking a path between NEED and GREED. How do you understand these two ideas?
5. In prayer, we discover that God is a loving Father who delights to hear and meet our needs (see Matthew 7.9). How easy do you find it to put your practical needs into God's hands? Do you have any pressing, practical needs at the moment that you need to put into God's hands?
6. Greed is 'an insatiable desire for more'. What examples can you think of where our society has got caught in greed?
7. Can you think of one or two easy things you might be able to do as a group to help each other get out of the trap of greed and perhaps live more simply?

If you wish, you might like to take the 'One Planet Living Challenge' as a way to help you and your household think about what a sustainable lifestyle looks like in the UK. You can read more about it at the link below:

<http://calculator.bioregional.com>