

Daily BREAD

SUMMER *of* PRAYER

GROW GUIDE

Daily Encounter Guide

Daily Encounters are the greatest way to spiritually grow as a disciple of Jesus.

God invites us to meet with Him daily. Just as Israel gathered manna every morning, God teaches us to live in daily dependence, obedience, and intimacy with Him. Daily Encounters are daily discipleship. A disciple is someone who follows Jesus, obeys Him, and builds their life around Him every day. Discipleship is formed through repetition, obedience, intimacy, and trust, not information alone.

1. SET AN APPOINTMENT WITH GOD

Daily encounters begin with intention.

- Choose a **daily time**
- Choose a **daily place**
- Remove distractions
- Expect resistance, and show up anyway
- Have an appointment with the Lord every day

2. WELCOME THE HOLY SPIRIT

Begin by inviting God's presence. Pray:

- "Holy Spirit, You are welcome here."
- "No spirit but the Holy Spirit is welcome."
- "Give me ears to hear."
- "Teach me."
- "Speak, Lord."

3. WORSHIP

Minister to God's heart before asking for anything.

- Play worship music
- Sing, speak, or sit in reverence
- Thank God for who He is ([Ps. 110:4](#))

4. PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus gave us a daily prayer framework.

Pray slowly and intentionally:

- **"Our Father in Heaven..."**
Declare God's holiness.
- **"Your Kingdom come, Your will be done..."**
Surrender your will to His.
- **"Give us this day our daily bread..."**
Ask God for what you need today.
- **"Forgive us our debts..."**
Repent and receive grace.
- **"As we forgive our debtors..."**
Forgive people by name.
- **"Lead us not into temptation..."**
Ask for strength and protection.
- **"Deliver us from evil..."**
Declare victory in Christ.

5. PERSONAL PRAYER LIST

Pray intentionally for:

- Yourself
- Your family
- Your friends
- Your workplace
- Your city
- Your church & leaders
- The peace of Jerusalem ([Psalm 122:6](#))
- + Add your own

6. READ THE WORD (DAILY BREAD)

God's Word was meant to be encountered daily, not occasionally.

Suggested Reading Plans:

- **15-Minute Plan**
1 Psalm, 1 Proverb, 1 Gospel
- **30-Minute Plan**
1 Psalm, 1 Proverb, 1 Gospel,
1 Old Testament, 1 New Testament,
1 Revelation

7. GIVE GOD ROOM TO SPEAK

Slow down. Listen. Pray:

- "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."
- Be still
- Write down what you sense
- Pay attention to Scripture, impressions, or the conviction of the Holy Spirit

8. ASK HIM TO TEACH YOU HIS WAYS

God desires to form you, not just inform you. Pray:

- "Teach me Your ways."
- "I want what You want, show me what You want."
- Repeat what God says out loud.
- Obey what He reveals.

9. CLOSE WITH THE PRAYER OF ENCOUNTERS



FIVE THOUSAND

JOHN 6:5-13

The Bible says there were 5,000 men, this does not include women and children. With women and children included, Biblical scholars estimate the hungry crowd was somewhere between 15,000 and 25,000 people.

A simple boy offered all that he had, two fish and five barley loaves. Even the disciples did not understand what difference this small amount of food would make to such a large crowd. Jesus took what the boy offered and multiplied it so there was more than enough food and everyone was satisfied. When you trust God with what you have, He multiplies and provides all that you need and more.

GREEK

δίδωμι (**didōmi**) — **Give**

Meaning: To give, grant, supply, entrust.

ἄρτος (**artos**) — **Bread**

Meaning: Bread, food, provision, sustenance.

ἐπιούσιος (**epiousios**) — **Daily**

Meaning: Daily, necessary for existence. This word is unique because it is found almost nowhere in ancient Greek literature outside the Lord's Prayer. The emphasis is daily dependence on God.

SPIRITUAL WARNINGS

1. It is possible to want what Jesus gives without wanting **Jesus Himself**. *John 6:26-27*
2. It is entirely possible to read your Bible every day and still miss Jesus. *John 5:39-40*
3. If daily bread is so important, don't be surprised when there's resistance. *Matthew 4*

SCRIPTURES TO READ

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| ◇ John 6:5-13 | ◇ Ephesians 2:6 |
| ◇ Matthew 6:9-11 | ◇ Psalm 23:5 |
| ◇ Luke 11:3 | ◇ Psalm 27:4 |
| ◇ Exodus 16:4 | ◇ 1 Kings 19:11-13 |
| ◇ Philippians 4:19 | ◇ Psalm 46:10 |
| ◇ John 6:26-27 | ◇ Psalm 34:8 |
| ◇ John 6:35 | ◇ Matthew 4:4 |
| ◇ Matthew 11:28-30 | ◇ Deuteronomy 8:3 |
| ◇ John 5:39-40 | |

Read through these Scriptures and write down anything God reveals to you.

HOW TO RECIEVE GOD'S DAILY BREAD

1. Get to know God

- The goal in your Daily Encounter should not be to know about God, but to develop a friendship with Him.

2. Sit with God

- This bread is received, not earned. As a child of God, sit with your Father in good times and in challenging times.

3. Worship

- What you behold is what you become. Shift your attention from you to Him.

4. Listen

- The still small voice of God is easily heard by people who slow down long enough to listen.

5. Rest

- When you rest, He will come. You can't experience the fullness of God's presence without first being present.

6. Enjoy

- Religion robs joy. Following Jesus does not mean becoming miserable. The more you pursue God, the more you enjoy the life He has given you.

PRACTICAL ADVICE

1. Discipline

- Do not wait until you feel hungry for God to pursue God, pursue God until you become hungry.
- Mercy Culture Spiritual Leadership School is an amazing resource to grow in spiritual discipline. Text **SLS** to **59090** for more information.

2. Remove distraction

- Stop scrolling and start seeking. What you feed will grow.
- Join us for our corporate prayer gatherings. Mercy Culture Prayer Nights are the last Wednesday of every month, and Men's Prayer is the last Friday morning of the Summer months. Text **PRAYER** to **59090** for more information.

3. Fast

- Make room for God in fasting. Fasting removes your flesh and increases spiritual hunger.
- A prophetic word over our church is that people will call themselves into fasting. If you want to mature, call yourself to a fast. Mature people make choices to pursue God.

4. Learn how you best connect with God

- Reflect on how you best connect with God and build a rhythm around it in your daily routine.
- Text **CONNECT** to **59090** to take our "Connect with God Assessment".

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

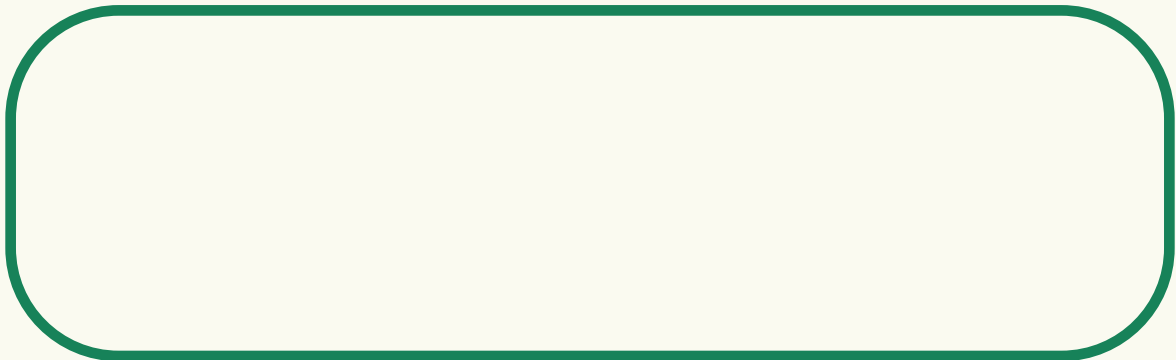
1. What did you learn about God's character through this study and the Scriptures you read through?

2. What areas of your life do you need God's provision in today?

3. How are you positioning yourself to receive Daily Bread from God today?



4. Where have you put your trust in your own strength to provide, instead of believing God is your Provider?



The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 ESV

“Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,

on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil”



PRAYER *of* ENCOUNTERS

This is where I tell You... I love You, I love You, I love You!

This is where I tell You... You're Holy, You're Holy, You're Holy!

This is where I tell You... Thank You, thank You, thank You!

This is where I tell You... I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You... Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!

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