

# Small Groups

## SERMON-BASED STUDY GUIDE

Sermon on the Mount – Week 15 – *The Lord's Prayer Part 2* – Alex Walton  
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### DIGGING IN:

1. In what areas of life do you think most people find it difficult to find contentment? Why do you think that is?
2. Alex said that "Jesus' prayer develops a Kingdom-minded contentment." What do you think is the connection between being Kingdom-minded and becoming content?
3. Read (or recite) the first half of The Lord's Prayer Together (Matthew 6:9-11)

### MAKING IT REAL:

4. As you consider the phrase "Give us today our daily bread," read the two scriptures below and discuss
  - a. Is there anything in these passages that offends you? If so, why?
  - b. According to these passages, what are the advantages and disadvantages of being poor?
  - c. What are the advantages and disadvantages of being rich?
  - d. Is there anything in these passages that encourages you?

#### **Proverbs 30:8-9**

Keep falsehood and lies far from me;  
give me neither poverty nor riches,  
but give me only my daily bread.

Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you  
and say, 'Who is the LORD?'

Or I may become poor and steal,  
and so dishonor the name of my God.

#### **1 Timothy 6:6-9**

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

5. "Jesus uses plurals on purpose." Note that He didn't say "Give *me* today *my* daily bread!"
  - a. How might phrasing a request with "our" change your perspective on what you are asking?
  - b. How does phrasing a request with "our" contribute to a Kingdom mindset?
  - c. How might this lead you toward greater contentment?
6. "Trusting him that we can be content with what he provides and also believing that we might be able to share it with others." From 1-10, where are you on the continuum of "*not* trusting Him that you can be content, and *not* sharing with others" to "*Trusting* Him that you can be content and *sharing* with others?" (You don't have to share this with the group). Jot your number down.
  - a. What is one step you could take this week to move a little further toward trusting Him, contentment, and sharing with others?

## PRAYER IDEAS

Has your group (or its individual members) signed up to participate in 24-7 prayer yet? Please consider taking one or more 30-minute slots to pray for South, for our community, and for the world. Sign up at [www.southfellowship.org/247prayer](http://www.southfellowship.org/247prayer). (Or, if you struggle with signing up online, you can email [june@southfellowship.org](mailto:june@southfellowship.org) with the days/times you want, and June will sign you up! You can also reach out to June with any questions you have.

## WANT TO DIG A LITTLE DEEPER?

(Extra Bible study ideas)

Look up these verses about contentment. Write down what you observe about contentment in each verse, and then ask God what He wants you to do with what you observed.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### *Red Couch Theology Podcast*

If you or group members have questions around parts of the sermon that are not included in the discussion guide, it's always helpful to listen to *Red Couch Theology*, where Alex and Aaron talk about the sermon and answer questions that come in from people in the congregation. <https://guysdrinkingtea.podbean.com/>