

Session 11: Caring for creation wherever you are



How have the videos you have watched so far left you feeling?



11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6: 11–13

What God has commissioned us for is hugely exciting. As the global church we are called to work together to build God's kingdom, of which everyone and everything is invited to be a part.

Faced with this call, we can often sink backwards, overwhelmed by our own sense of brokenness, as well as the brokenness around us. As Dave Bookless says, we can end up feeling more overwhelmed than excited.

Thankfully, God knows our tendency to become overwhelmed, and He remembers 'that we are dust' (Psalm 103:14); the God who is our Creator and Saviour is also the God who sustains us through each day.

We therefore pray to God to 'give us today our daily bread'.

It is in and through daily dependence that we are invited to respond to God and what He calls us into.

It is only in this way that we can go about using the resources we have for blessing, and begin to 'reimagine' the world, as Peter Harris puts it.

Discuss

The phrase 'give us today our daily bread' is so familiar that we can miss its richness. Take one word at a time ask why that word has been chosen, rather than another.

What are you overwhelmed by?

How are you sustained by God?

How can you practice daily dependence on God?

Pray, asking God to show you 'the one thing' you can do to start.

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