

Group Discussion Questions

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How Will God Provide for Me?

“The Fish with a Coin in its Mouth” (Matt. 17:24-27)

(From “Slaying Your Giants” by Kent Crockett, Chapter 1 Hopelessness “One in a Billion”)

Read Matthew 17:24-27. What are three things Jesus knew before they happened?

What does this teach us about God’s knowledge of our current situation?

Read Psalm 139:1-4. What are five things God knows about you?

If God knows our needs before we ask Him, why should we pray?

Matthew 17:25-26—Jesus said the sons of kings are exempt from paying taxes. What was His point?

Matthew 17:27—Jesus said, “Lest we offend them.” In Matthew 15:11-13, Jesus didn’t mind offending the Pharisees. What was the difference in these two situations?

Why is it wise to avoid offending people whenever possible?

Matthew 17:27—Why did Jesus tell Peter to use a hook rather than a net to catch the fish? What does this tell us about God’s ability to control circumstances?

How does this apply to the problems we face every day?

If Peter had not obeyed what Jesus asked him to do, he would not have caught the fish. What is the correlation between obedience and provision?

From our perspective, how do the odds of something happening affect our faith? From God’s perspective, does He have to consider the odds?

What is the hopeless situation you are praying about? How has this Scripture helped to build your faith?