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Thank God it's Friday! This is a saying that I normally don't use. At the very least, it just seems too trivial to give thanks to God for the coming of the end of the traditional work week. And in most instances it is merely an insincere utterance used to start a conversation about the trials and tribulations of someone's work week or their plans for the weekend.

However, on Friday mornings, while I don't actually use the phrase —Thank God it's Friday, I do often kind of feel this way. The reason is that I really enjoy and look forward to going to the Friday morning Men's Bible Study & Breakfast. Currently, the breakfast is held in the back dining room at Slot World. Breakfast officially begins at 6:30am; however, the time spent waiting for everyone to arrive provides time for coffee, enjoyable conversation and fellowship. Once everyone has arrived, the waitress takes our breakfast orders and then the discussion shifts to those who are in need of prayer and other petitions. Once in awhile our waitress will even ask us to pray for someone she knows needs prayers. We conclude with the Lord's Prayer.

Following our prayer we begin Bible study. Currently, we are studying the assigned weekly readings for Sunday worship from the lectionary. About the time we begin our study, breakfast is served. I have often thought that there is a bit of a paradox in this, in that, at about the same moment we start providing food for our bodies we really also begin to receive nourishment for our souls. In any case, by the time 7:30am rolls around we have had a good amount of discussion and —food for thought. At least for me, I usually get at least another 30 minutes of time pondering the things we've studied after I drive home. It is a great way to begin a Friday and I do thank God for it!

Maybe you have occasionally thought about joining in on the Friday morning Men's Bible Study, but have never put the thought into action. Well, please consider this your invitation. Don't wait! In the words of Isaiah chapter 55:1&2 — “Come ...Listen, listen to me and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.”

I'll See You at Breakfast,

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