

Life Group Lesson
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The Lord's Prayer Part 1 – Matthew 6:9-15

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Icebreaker: Ask the people in your group what they think the top three subjects of prayer are. These can be spiritual or worldly. Some prayers are selfish (i.e. "don't let me die", "win the lottery"). Some are good - (i.e. "salvation of a loved one", "get a job"). Then, ask them what are the top three things that trigger prayer? (i.e. sickness, disaster, trials).

Illustration: He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find Him the rest of the day. - John Bunyan

Questions:

1. **"Hallowed be your name".**
 - Do you start your prayers with honoring God or with your requests?
 - When we begin our prayers, what should we say to God?
 - Go around the room and speak some things that you could say to honor God in your prayers.

2. **"Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done."**
 - What does it mean "your Kingdom come"? (Luke 17:19; Romans 14:17)
 - How do we know the will of God? (Romans 12:1-2; John 7:17)
 - How do we pray for the will of God?
 - Is His will and the priority of the Kingdom a priority in our prayer life?
 - How do you pray these things?

3. **"Give us this day our daily bread"**
 - What is "our daily bread"? (Matthew 4:4)
 - Does this mean food? Does this mean spiritual food? (Psalm 119:57)
 - How do we get our daily bread? Does it just fall out of the sky like manna? (John 6:35)

4. “Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors”

- How hard is it to forgive?
- Is forgiveness more about you or the person who has wronged you?
- Do you really want God to forgive you as much as you forgive others?
- How do we gain forgiveness? How do we give forgiveness? Ask if they know any scriptures to back this up. 1 John 1:9; Matthew 18:21-22

5. “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one”

- How do we handle temptation? 1 Corinthians 10:13
- How did Jesus handle temptation? Luke 1:4-13
- How does God deliver us from the evil one? James 4:7
- Is temptation a sin? Does God tempt us? James 1:13