

# MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, September 7 Sunday, September 10

Introduction

Matthew 6:9-10

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A model to follow not a script to recite

Matthew 6:9 NASB <sup>9</sup>"Pray, then, in this way; 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

## Focus on God's PERSPECTIVE.

### Focus on God's CHARACTER.

Hallowed -- hagiazo -- Holy

Sovereign, Just, Righteous, Love, Eternal, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Immutable, Truth

The infinite Gap.

God the initiator. Jesus the agent. Holy Spirit the means.

Matthew 6:10 NASB <sup>10</sup>"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

# Focus on God's AGENDA.

"The Kingdom of God is already but not yet." -Theologian Gerhardus Vos

Matthew 6:33 NASB 33But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

2 Peter 3:9 NASB 9...not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

## Walk it out

Where do I need God's perspective?



What attributes of God are you most grateful for right now?

What attributes of God do you want to learn more about?

Where do I want to see God's kingdom come and will be done?

The Model: A Blueprint for Life Matthew 6:9-10, Pastor Lance Ainsworth September 7th & 10th, 2023 The Person & Petition of Prayer

Prayer Requests:

**Group Discussion:** What is the highest mountain or building you have been on, what was the view like?

### Read aloud: Matthew 6:9-10

1. Have you ever had a spiritual experience when you were able to get a higher perspective? How did it change your attitude? Why does God not allow us to see the whole picture? Proverbs 25:2 "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter." What does this tell us about God's heart for concealing some matters from us?

2. How long have you been a Christian? How has your knowledge of God's character changed through that time frame? When do we tend to stop revering God? How does viewing God from a distance differ from viewing him up close? God is Sovereign, Just, Righteous, Love, Eternal, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Immutable, and Truth. Which of these characteristics do you desire to learn more about?

3. Do you see yourself as a part of the kingdom of God? How does our citizenship in the kingdom of God play a role in our prayer life? Why should we focus on God in prayer before ourselves? Where do you want to see God's kingdom come and will be done? Who do you know that needs to come to repentance? (2 Peter 3:9) Why does God want you to pray for them? Do you believe these prayers make a difference?

4. Do you pray to the three different persons of the Trinity? We see here how we pray to God the Father, how can we pray to God the Son and God the Holy Spirit? Do you think about how the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you?