



TEACH US TO PRAY

A NEWSTORY CHURCH SERIES

Part 1

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Choose Your Own Ice-Breaker:

A) Without reading, repeat The Lord's Prayer out loud, together.

B) What's something you can do on autopilot without thinking (a route you drive, a password, a free throw)? When is autopilot a gift, and when has it gotten you in trouble?

1. Of everything the disciples watched Jesus do, Luke 11:1 records them asking, "Lord, teach us to pray." Why do you think prayer was what they asked for? What would you have asked for?
2. Luke 11 and Matthew 6 give two different wordings of the Lord's Prayer, covering two different occasions, which shows us this is a pattern to follow more than an incantation to recite. How does that change the way you pray?
3. There is no "I," "me," or "my" anywhere in the prayer Jesus taught. Our Father, give us, forgive us, deliver us. Be honest: what percentage of your prayers are about you? Who in your life needs to be carried into your prayers this week?
4. The Old Testament rarely addresses God as Father, yet Jesus uses it ten times in Matthew 6 alone. Read Romans 8:15 together and discuss what is the difference between praying to a God you fear and praying to a Father who adopted you? Which one do you default to?
5. In Gethsemane Jesus prayed, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36, ESV). Jesus called God "Dad" and still got a No. When has God's No been hard for you to receive as a Father's No and not a stranger's?
6. Hundreds of years before Jesus, God asked, "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor?" (Malachi 1:6, ESV). Pastor Tom said "hallowed" means treating God's name as the most valuable thing in the room. Where in your week does God's name get treated as ordinary?
7. Job lost everything in an afternoon and said, "The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." (Job 1:21, ESV). Jesus puts "hallowed be your name" before "give us our daily bread" on purpose. What bread are you waiting on right now, and what would it look like to hallow His name while you wait?

Application: Once a day this week, start your prayer with "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."

At "Our," name someone else's need.

At "Father," remember whose house you're in.

At "Hallowed," ask Him to make His name holy through you.

Come back next week ready to share what happened.