



DIGGING DEEPER

Small Group Discussion Guide: Matthew 6:5-13

DIGGING DEEPER GUIDE FOR LORD'S PRAYER SERIES

During this 7-week series on the Lord's Prayer, we will unpack how Jesus teaches his disciples to pray one phrase at a time. **Before you begin your discussion, take a moment to pray together.** Invite the Holy Spirit to open your hearts and minds to what He wants to show you. Ask Him to guide your conversation, help you listen well to one another, and reveal how He is inviting you to grow.

READ THE PASSAGE TOGETHER: Matthew 6:5-13

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Don't feel pressured to get through every question! Follow as the Spirit leads and spend your time on the questions that spark meaningful conversation.

1. **Read Matthew 6:5–6.** In Jesus' language, a "hypocrite" isn't simply someone who says one thing and does another — it's someone doing the right thing for the wrong reason. Where do you feel the pull toward "performance" in your own prayer life?
2. **Read Matthew 6:7–8.** If God already knows what you need before you ask, what is prayer actually for?
3. **Read Matthew 6:9–13 together slowly.** Which line of the Lord's Prayer is hardest for you to actually mean when you pray it, and why?
4. The Lord's Prayer gives us a pattern: **Father, kingdom, provision, forgiveness, and deliverance.**
 - Which of these areas do you naturally bring to God and which do you tend to overlook or disregard?
 - What might change in your life if, instead of turning to prayer primarily when you have a need or crisis, you made this pattern of prayer part of your daily rhythm with God?

SHARE & PRAYER

As we anchor ourselves in the Lord's Prayer for this series, we want to grow in our awareness of the ways God's Kingdom is breaking in! We invite you to cultivate the practice of paying attention as you go about your week, pausing to reflect, noticing where you see God at work, and sharing what you've experienced. As we learn to notice and name what God is doing, we become more aware of His presence and more attentive to the ways He is inviting us to participate in what He is doing. **Take on the weekly challenge to pay attention and come prepared to share with your group!**

- **SHARE:** Where have you seen God at work this week? Share a story, moment, conversation, answered prayer, unexpected provision, opportunity, or anything else that made you aware of God. (This could be in your own life, someone else's life, our church, or the world around you).
- **RESPOND:** What might God be inviting you to do, see, trust, change or participate in this week?
- **PRAY:** Share prayer requests and pray together. Incorporate this week's focus from the Lord's Prayer and ask: What does this part of the prayer invite us to ask God?





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- Listen to Sunday messages posted weekly
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UPCOMING EVENTS [Learn more at fairoaks.church/events](https://fairoaks.church/events)

- **2027 Mission Trip Applications Open** | Due by 11/30 | Submit online at fairoaks.church/missions
- **9/13: GROUPS Fall Session Begins**
Explore Groups & opportunities to connect at fairoaks.church/groups
- **9/20: Family Gathering** | 4p | Family Life Center | Financial/giving update and vision & direction for worship | Details at fairoaks.church/events
- **9/23: All-Church Worship Night** | 6:30–7:30p | Wells Chapel | Draw near to God through a gathered night of worship through music, Scripture, and prayer! Families are welcome (Programs for Kids available for 1st–5th grade)
- **9/25–9/27: Men's Retreat** | Camp Alta | Ages 18+ | Register at fairoaks.church/events
- **10/9: Sisterhood Women's Gathering** | 6:30–8p | FLC Conference Rooms | Speaker: Jessica Benton, teaching on redemption and transformation | RSVP at fairoaks.church/events

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