

Re-storied through Prayer

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Discussion Questions

How is the “DIY” movement and things like it, an expression of our culture’s infatuation with personal independence? Is it fair to say that independence is celebrated, and dependence is viewed as weakness? If so, why?

While there are a lot of good things about independence, what are some pit falls that can negatively affect our relationships with God and others?

In God’s bigger storyline God is Creator and mankind is creature.

- As we reflect on the relationship of creature and Creator how does that impact the way we think about our culture’s obsession with independency? Is that how we were created to function?
- How did the serpent in the Garden attempt to restory Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:1-7?
- How does the Gospel through Christ restory us back into God’s bigger story?

In the sermon the speaker said that the biggest reason people don’t pray isn’t because they don’t know how, but because we as humans have a problem with dependency. Do you think that’s a true statement? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 6:9-10

- Jesus is teaching us how to pray, does that mean that my prayers must be confined to these words, and this format?
- Why is it significant that Jesus tells us to address God as Father? How does that shape the posture that we approach him with?
- What does it mean for the name of God to be hallowed? And why do you think Jesus put this request first before all others.
- Jesus instructs us to pray that the “kingdom will come, and that his will would be done” opposed to our own wills. In a sense how is this really a request to restory us back into dependence?

Read Matthew 6:11-13

- the request for “daily bread” is a metaphor for necessities rather than luxuries. How does this reflect a heart that’s been restoried?
- How does this prayer restory us back into dependency upon God.

In the Model Prayer Jesus used all plural pronouns so that it could be prayed in community. Why is it important that we don’t just pray privately but we also pray in community?

- When we pray together in services is that time meaningful for you or uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- How should the way we pray together shape we pray privately?