



Small Group Study Questions

Sermon on February 25, 2024

Matthew 6:5-8 (NASB)

5 “And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

7 “And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Matthew 6:9-15 (NASB)

9 “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father, who is in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’

14 For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

DIGGING DEEPER

Did anyone pray in your family while you were growing up? (meals, bedtime, family devotions, etc.)

What was the content of those prayers?

How have you been taught to pray as you grow in your relationship with God?

Read Matthew 6:5-8

What are the principles of prayer that come out of these verses?

Read Matthew 6:9-13

What part of this prayer is most meaningful for you?

Compare Luke's version (Luke 11:2-4) with Matthew's. Is anything significantly different or the same?

How do Matthew 6:13 and James 1:13-15 come together and teach us how temptation and deliverance works?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Matthew 6:12, 14-15

We are forgiven of our sins (a better term is justified) when we first believe in Jesus as our Savior, but our disobedience after salvation harms our relationship with God. As kingdom people, we need to ask forgiveness when we sin from God and from others which then restores our relationships.

Have you seen the results of unforgiveness? No details are needed, but tell us about it.

This prayer is for those who desire to be great in the kingdom of God. How does praying these things make one great in God's kingdom?

How will these verses challenge or change your prayers this week?

TAKING IT HOME

PRAYER REQUEST

