

# Seeking Sanctification

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Matthew 6:12

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## Snapshot:

Praying for forgiveness is seeking sanctification.

I. A Prayer of Confession

II. A Prayer for Forgiveness

III. A Prayer Prerequisite

## Group Challenge

*Anything you want to share from your time in the Word this week?  
How can the group be praying for/with you?*

## Connecting

*Tell of a time you did not walk wisely and what the outcome was.*

## Study

### Point 1: A Prayer of Confession

*READ:* Psalm 51

*REFLECT:* What does David say about God? What does David say about his sin? What does confession look like for David in this Psalm? What is the difference between sacrifice and confession? How does David reveal the necessity of true confession?

*RESPOND:* How can you use David's prayer in your own prayers of confession? What would it look like for you to pray "forgive us our debts" for the church?

### Point 2: A Prayer for Forgiveness

*READ:* Matthew 18:21–27

*REFLECT:* What is surprising about the master forgiving the servant his debt? What was going to happen since the servant couldn't pay his debt? What did the servant have to do to receive forgiveness of his debt?

*RESPOND:* Are there areas in your life where you have not asked for forgiveness and are suffering guilt, shame, hinderance to prayers, etc.? What would it look like for you to pray and receive forgiveness? How can your small group pray for forgiveness for the church? Are there any areas your small group needs to ask for forgiveness?

### Point 3: A Prayer Prerequisite

*READ:* Matthew 18:28–35

*REFLECT:* What does Jesus reveal about not forgiving those who have sinned against us? Is this surprising? Why or why not? How does this work with what you know about the Gospel? Why should being forgiven produce within us forgiveness?

*RESPOND:* Is there someone that you need to forgive? How will you go about forgiving specifically?

## Memorizing

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Matthew 6:9–13ESV

## Preparing for next week

**Read:** Matthew 6:9-13

**Ask:** questions of the text

**Pray:** through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.