

Questions for eGroup Discussion

Learning to Pray Like Jesus, Part 2

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

What's the funniest or most awkward prayer you've ever heard a person pray?

Have you ever seen God do something dramatic in response to bold, faith-filled prayer? If so, describe.

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 11:1-4 aloud two times, in a couple different Bible translations, if possible.

As you listen/read, what stands out to you from verses 3-4, or stood out to you from this week's message on these verses?

What questions do they raise, surprises do they contain, or personal impact do they have on you?

What do these verses reveal about God, and the way He views His relationship with us?

When Jesus encourages us to pray that our Father would "give us each day our daily bread" (verse 3), what is He specifically asking us to be praying for, and from what kind of heart posture?

What's the significance of God asking us to pray this "each day?"

What could interfere with a person approaching God in this way? Perhaps you can answer from your personal experience.

As Christ-followers, why is it important that we ask God to forgive our sins (verse 4a) if we've already asked Jesus to do this when we initially trusted Him as our Savior? As you answer this question, read aloud 1 John 1:7-9.

Embrace the Gospel Continued

What's the relationship between forgiving others and fully experiencing God's forgiveness in our own life (verse 4b)?

What are the implications of a person not doing this?

How can the message of the cross empower us to forgive those who have sinned against us?

As we're experiencing temptation (verse 4c), what do we need to remember about God and our relationship with Him? As you answer this question, read aloud 1 Corinthians 10:13.

In contrast to just praying against temptation, what did Pastor Alan say we should be praying for? How could praying this way refocus our perspective on the temptation we're experiencing?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

In which of the following areas would you like to learn to pray more effectively? Explain.

Trusting God with your needs, asking Him for ordinary, "trivial" things.

Confessing areas of sin you struggle with, experiencing His forgiveness in those areas.

Forgiving someone who has hurt you, inviting Jesus to release you from the bondage of unforgiveness.

Asking God to lead you away from temptation and into life, revealing the "escape route" He has for you.

From this week's message and eGroup discussion, what's one thing you believe the Holy Spirit most wants you to hear and respond to? What's the next step in you following-through on this?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying in response to the things people shared where they'd like to grow in their prayer life and relationship with Jesus.

When you're done, spend time praying for specific needs and concerns for one another this week, as well as your response to any spiritual stirrings that are on your hearts.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

Our next Serve Day is coming up in just a few weeks as we partner together with dozens of others in serving at Weld Project Connect. Weld Project Connect is an annual, one-day event providing numerous on-site services directly to individuals and households struggling and in need due to housing instability, job loss, age, health problems and other issues that can interrupt a life. Residents in need of assistance attend the one-day event to receive numerous services on-site; rather than referrals, in a welcoming and festive environment. Each person or family is greeted by a community volunteer who helps the guest navigate through the available services. The volunteer navigator stays with the guest at the event until they've received all of the services needed. All services provided the day of the event are free.

Be watching for details in terms of signing up as a part of Christ Community, and consider serving together with your eGroup as community volunteers to bless our neighbors here in Weld County.



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