

## Questions for eGroup Discussion

# *Learning to Pray Like Jesus*

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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

During your growing-up years, was there a specific prayer you remember a parent or your family praying together on a regular basis? If so, can you recite it?

## 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 1-2, 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 motivates the disciples to ask Jesus about prayer at this point, and why is this insightful? (verse 1)

What's the significance of Jesus beginning this model prayer by referring to God as "Father?" (verse 2)

How is the image of God as our Father different than that of us being a servant or an orphan?

What are the implications for prayer that God is indeed our Father?

When Jesus describes God as "hallowed," or holy, what thoughts or images come to mind?

## Embrace the Gospel Continued

What does this imply about God's personality and desired relationship with us?

How can this attribute of God's personality actually motivate us to pray?

What does Jesus mean when He says to His Father, "Your Kingdom come?"

In contrast, how is the concept of God's Kingdom frequently misunderstood?

In what ways is this phrase a "battle cry," as Pastor Alan referred to it?

What are the implications for a person's prayer life that they pray "Your Kingdom come!"

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

On the following scale, to what degree is your prayer life all that you'd like it to be, and why?

0      1      2      3      4      5  
What Prayer      An Integral  
Life?      Part of My Life

In what specific area would you like to learn to pray more effectively?

From this week's message and eGroup discussion, what's one thing you learned that you'd like to begin implementing to improve your prayer life?

## 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 aloud in the rhythm introduced in services this weekend:

- Father: *acknowledging/praising God as your Father*
- Hallowed Be Your Name: *praising God that He is perfect and complete, our glorious Creator and all-powerful King, lacking in nothing*
- Your Kingdom Come: *thanking God that He invites us to partner with Him in advancing His Kingdom here on earth*

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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