

Announcements

You can sign up to serve with our kids or first impressions teams by going to imageatl.com/serve. We would love to have you join us on a serving team!

Prayer Suggestions

As Jesus did, pray for God's Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven

1. That we would understand God's Kingdom
2. That we would live out God's Kingdom to bring it to earth
3. For a willingness to go into the world
4. For missionaries and laborers in dangerous & unreached areas (such as the Middle East, Southern Asia, remote locations like the rainforests, parts of Africa)

Joshua Project Unreached Peoples: <https://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday>

Family Time

Family Time is an intentional space where we live out the model we see in Acts 2:42. We want to be devoted to the Word together, break bread, fellowship, and pray. It's also a place where we practice hospitality. We want this time to foster both spiritual and relational growth moving the group from acquaintances and friends to family. Family Time begins with conversations around a meal, followed by a discussion about Sunday's sermon.

Sermon Discussion (30-40 min)

Title: Prayer

Series: Inverted Kingdom

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Other Scripture/Cross-References

Scripture Mentioned	Cross-References	Scripture Mentioned	Cross-References
Luke 11:1-13	Matthew 6:9-13	Luke 9:29	Matt 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8
Luke 3:21	Matt 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11	Luke 10:2	Matt 9:35-38
Luke 4:1	Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13	Luke 18:1-8	

Luke 5:16		Luke 22:32	Matt 26:33-35, Mark 14:29-31
Luke 6:12		Luke 22:39-46	Matt 26:36-46; Mark 14:32-42
Luke 9:18	Matt 16:13-16; Mark 8:27-29	Luke 23:46	Matt 27:46; Mark 15:34

Main Points

The model Jesus gave us:

Adoration (Father, hallowed be your name)

Advancement (Your kingdom come)

Provision (Give us each day our daily bread)

Confession (Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone who is indebted to us)

Protection (Lead us not into temptation)

Have shameless boldness in prayer

Prayer is continual dependence

Be persistent!

Ask (pray)

Seek (pursue & seek God's kingdom goals)

Knock (come into the presence of God)

Trust in a good Father

Quotes

Trevin Wax -- "When it comes to prayer, we're often functional atheists."

Pastor Mike -- "Prayer is not a discipline; it is a posture of dependence based out of desperation."

Tim Lucas -- "What if prayer wasn't to fill God in, but for him to fill us up? What if prayer wasn't about transactions and requests, but about renewing a relationship every day?"

Charles Martin -- "Regardless of the outcome I pray"

Questions

1. What challenged you? What were your takeaways? What encouraged or convicted you?
2. What questions do you have?
3. How would you describe your prayer life? Do you live like a "functional atheist," as Trevin Wax says?
4. If we use the model Jesus gave us (adoration, advancement, provision, confession, protection), what is the hardest part of prayer for you? Is there one part that is easier than others? Why?
5. Do you believe God is listening?
6. How do you handle unanswered prayers? When prayers go unanswered, what lies are you tempted to believe about God? What is the truth?
7. What is one way you can exercise shameless boldness in prayer this week?

Points of Theology & Useful Definitions

Luke 11:8 “shameless boldness” in the CSB. Other versions have: impudence, shameless audacity, shameless persistence.

boldness: fearless before danger; showing or requiring a fearless, daring spirit

audacious: intrepidly daring; adventurous; recklessly bold; marked by originality and verve (verve is spirit, enthusiasm, vitality)

impudent: marked by cocky boldness

Repentance: The act of expressing contrition and penitence for sin. Its linguistic roots point to its theological meaning of a change of mind and life direction as a beginning step of expressing Christian faith (*Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms*)

Holy Spirit: The 3rd person of the Trinity; inspired biblical writers, makes known the saving work of Jesus Christ, and is God as present in and with the church. The Spirit acts to incorporate all things into the life of the triune God (*Westminster Dictionary of Theological Terms*)

Other Resources

Praying with Paul, D. A. Carson

Kingdom Prayer, Tony Evans

Prayer, Tim Keller

The Praying Life, Paul Miller

Praying God's Word, Beth Moore

Fervent, Priscilla Shirer

Prayer, A. W. Tozer

Valley of Vision

Prayer in the Night, Tish Harrison Warren

Mentioned in the sermon

They Turned the World Upside Down, Charles Martin

Give Them Grace, Elyse Martin

Discipleship Groups

Discipleship Groups are where our community groups divide into gender-specific groups for a time of more intentional discussion and connection. This creates a safer and more intimate space to open up our hearts in order to grow deeper in the gospel. This time begins with a discussion about Sunday's sermon and then transitions to a time of transparency where we are honest about where we are relationally, personally, missionally, and spiritually.

Sermon Discussion (30-40 min)

See Sermon Discussion Notes above.

RPMS (30-45 min)

R	How are you doing RELATIONALLY ? (friends, coworkers, neighbors, spouses, family -- also, how are you building relationships with people different from you or on the margins?)
P	How are you doing PERSONALLY ? (emotionally, mentally, physically, financially, etc.)
M	How are you doing MISSIONALLY ? (what you're doing daily to be on mission, how you're engaging people, etc)
S	How are you doing SPIRITUALLY ? (time with God, in Scripture, what you're learning, who you're learning from, memorization, etc.)

Prayer (10-15 min)