

LET US PRAY

Part 2: Asking the Right Questions

Objective: To help us begin to pray for the things that matter to God.

Read together:

Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:25-34

- When you pause to think about your prayers, what do you spend most of your time praying for? Why do you think that is?
- Do you ever feel guilty when you pray for things you want? What about when you pray for things you need?
- The pastor said that our prayers should reflect the heart of Jesus. For that to happen, we must know what the heart of Jesus is. How do we discover the heart of Jesus?
- Jesus asked us to pray for workers to go out into the harvest. What does it mean to be a harvest worker? How often do you pray this prayer? How willing are you to be a part of the answer?
- Jesus also prayed for unity in the church. Can you think of examples where unity is broken in our churches? Can you think of examples where unity is strong? Do you pray for unity? Are you willing to work for unity?

Final Thought: This week, begin to pray prayers that reflect the heart of Jesus and see what he does in and through your life.

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