



THE LORD'S PRAYER

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READ

- Read Matthew 6:5-15, focusing on verse 12, and consider what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- What is the relationship between receiving forgiveness and extending it, according to the gospel?
- How does Matthew 6:14-15 add clarification to this verse?
- How can we be sure that Jesus is not teaching a works-based salvation here, that we earn God's forgiveness by being forgiving people?
- How does this prayer guard against pride? What about cheap grace?

APPLY

- Forgiven people must be forgiving people. Would you characterize yourself as a forgiving person? Why or why not? Where do you need to grow in the area of forgiveness?
- Do you regularly confess sin to God? What is difficult about confession? How can you grow in this practice?
- How can we work towards being a church that makes space for honest confession, repentance, and forgiveness? What do you think a truly forgiveness-shaped community would look like?

PRAY

- If your group is comfortable doing this: Break into same-gender pairs. Take a few minutes to connect, sharing updates about life, etc. With a focus on the gospel, give each person an opportunity to confess sin to another, and then have the person hearing the confession remind the other of the grace and forgiveness available in the gospel.
- Break into small groups of 2-5 (same gender), sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.