

Community Notes

Feb. 26th-27th 2022

This week we heard from Pastor Kevin for Part 2 of the “Thirst” series. We were reminded we are not to treat prayer irreverently by trying to use it to our advantage. Conversely, we were given the biblical model of how we are to pray when we approach God.

1. What stood out to you the most in this weekend’s message? Why was this so impactful to you?
2. Pastor Kevin mentioned specific things to avoid when praying. For example, we are not to use prayer like magic tricks, Hail Mary passes, drive-thru windows, legal arguments, a religious duty, or as a deal making opportunity with God.
 - a. Share a time you have approached prayer in one of these ways.
 - b. How has this message changed the way you think about these prayer motives?
3. Read Matt. 6:9 and Heb. 10:19-22. Pastor Kevin explored the question, “how do we pray?”. The first thing we are to do when we approach God, is to show **adoration**. He is our ‘Abba’ Father (papa or daddy), but He is also sovereign, and His name is ‘hallowed’ (holy, honored, greatly revered).
 - a. How has this teaching changed the way you speak to your heavenly Father, if at all?
 - b. Do you have trouble addressing God as Abba and King at the same time? Explain.
4. Read Matt. 6:10, 26:36-39, and John 18:11. We are also to approach God in **submission**. We were encouraged to know there is no safer or happier place to be, than in God’s will and that operating in His will does not limit our prayers, but it expands them.
 - a. Share with the group some areas you struggle in submitting to God’s will when you pray?
 - b. Why do you believe you have struggles in these areas of submission?
5. Read Matt. 6:11-13 and James 3:3. The last area we were instructed to apply in our prayers is ‘**petition**’. We are to go to the Lord for provision for our needs (vs. 11), confession of sins (vs. 12), and protection from the enemy (vs. 13).
 - a. Pastor Kevin mentioned that many Christians struggle praying for their needs. Do you share in this struggle to approach God with your petitions?
 - b. We were also reminded that although, Christ has paid for our sins once for all on the cross, we are still to pray for forgiveness of sins daily so that we can come into agreement with God and maintain an intimate relationship with Him. Was this truth new to you?
 - c. We are also to remain in daily prayer for protection from the enemy. We were reminded that Satan is too powerful to take on ourselves and we will fail without God’s help. How do you pray for protection from the enemy?
6. Close in a time of group prayer. Focus on the topics discussed this week and approach God in **ADORATION**, **SUBMISSION**, and **PETITION**.