



## **The Lord's Prayer – Forgive as We Forgive**

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### **MAIN SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:9-13**

- <sup>9</sup> Pray like this: Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.  
<sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come soon.  
May your will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today the food we need,  
<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven  
those who sin against us.  
<sup>13</sup> And don't let us yield to temptation,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

### **Opening Discussion**

- What thoughts, feelings, or impressions do you have about the sermon this week?

**(Below you will find the main points of this week's sermon along with discussion questions. Feel free to use, reword, or omit questions depending on the needs of your group and the time needed for prayer, care, and fellowship. Thank you for your leadership.)**

### **Thought #1 – Forgive us our sins!**

Verses: Matthew 6:9-13, I Corinthians 6:20, Galatians 4:4

- Pastor Kevin said, "If we see God as a Redeemer, then the next step is to see ourselves in need of redemption." Do you think most people see themselves as people who need forgiveness or redemption? Why or why not?
- What do we learn about our Father God in I Corinthians 6:20 and Galatians 4:4?

- What does this say about God's love for you/us?

### **Thought #2 – Forgiveness starts with recognizing our need for it!**

Verses: Matthew 6:9-13

- When it comes to confessing our sins and asking for forgiveness, why do you think it can be so hard for people to "come clean"?
- Have you ever found it difficult to call sin, "sin"? Or have you always been able to see it pretty clearly? Why or why not?

### **Thought #3 – The ability to forgive others comes from the experience of being forgiven.**

Verses: Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 18:31-25

- As a group, read the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant in Matthew 18:31-25. How would you describe "the heart" of each character?
  1. The king.
  2. The man who owed the king, before he was forgiven.
  3. The man who refused to forgive.
  4. The man who was refused forgiveness?
- Why do you think it is difficult for some who have been shown so much forgiveness to forgive others?
- What behaviors or attitudes should we display in light of the Lord's forgiveness to us?

### **Thought #4 – Forgiveness is hard but necessary!**

Verses: Matthew 6:9-13, Colossians 3:13, Hebrews 12:1

- Pastor Kevin gave the following tips regarding forgiveness:
  1. Remember, you were not meant to carry the load of debt and unforgiveness.
  2. You are allowed to cancel your commitments to never forgive!
  3. You can still forgive someone who has passed away. The

