



SUMMER

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Scriptures for further study

Romans 12:12 | Ephesians 6:18-20 | Philippians 4:6-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"The purpose of prayer is relational not transactional."

1. Why did Jesus teach us how to pray? Is it difficult for you to pray? Why or why not? What is your earliest memory of the Lord's Prayer?
2. In his message, Dr. Corts addressed the proper motive or reason for prayer. According to Matthew 6:5, Jesus portrays a good, God-given gift used the wrong way, even abused. Why were their motives not pure? How were they abusing prayer?
3. In verse 6, Jesus taught the right motive for prayer. According to Jesus, what is the right motive for praying? Do you agree or disagree with the following statement, "The secret of prayer is praying in secret?" Does verse 6 suggest that we should never pray in public? Why or why not?
4. Jesus shows us the right manner, or the right approach, to be taken in prayer. In verse 7, how did the Gentiles pray? Why is this the wrong approach to take in prayer?
5. In verse 8, the followers of Jesus were told not to use numerous words to try to get God's attention as to manipulate or earn His help. Why? Why does Jesus expect us to pray if God already knows what we need before we ask? Why pray at all? Why bother God when we have His attention, have His affection and He already knows what we need?
6. Jesus offers the right method or procedure for praying in a model prayer in verses 9-13. In this model prayer, Jesus shows us that the best method is not a matter of praying at God from a distance with the right words, but of drawing close and praying to God with the right attitudes. What are some of the attitudes of prayer?
7. Jesus has provided more than a model for prayer, He has provided a model for living. These words do more than tell us what to say to God, they tell us how to exist with God. In what way is the Lord's Prayer a model for living? How does the Lord's Prayer tell us how to exist with God? What part of the Lord's Prayer speaks most powerfully to you? Why?
8. Dr. Corts summarized the message in the following way: (1) The motive of prayer is God Himself. (2) The manner of prayer is trust in God. (3) The method of prayer is to seek Him with exaltation, submission and a radical dependence on Him for provision, restoration and protection. Which one needs strengthening in your prayer life? Why?