# HOW TO HEAR FROM GOD

### **HOW TO HEAR FROM GOD** (June 23 to July 21)

We live in an age where we have access to the most information we've ever had, yet we find ourselves running in circles trying to find the right direction for our lives. Distraction and disconnectedness mark our daily existence. In the midst of this, however, God is still speaking. Can we hear Him? Are we listening?

# **Group Discussion**

**Getting started:** What are your 4th of July plans?

- 1. What challenged you and encouraged you from the message?
- 2. Read Luke 11:1. Do you struggle to pray regularly? If so what makes it difficult for you? Why is prayer necessary for followers of Jesus?
- 3. The Lord's Prayer isn't a script you have to memorize its a framework to guide you in prayer. It breaks down into 3 parts: **DECLARE, SURRENDER**, and **ASK**.
- 4. Read *Matthew 6:9*. The first thing we do when we pray is **DECLARE** who God is. Why is it significant that Jesus tells us to address God as Father? Why is it important to know that our heavenly Father is not like our earthly father?
- 5. Read *Matthew 6:10*. The second thing we do when we pray is **SURRENDER** our will for God's will. Why is this so difficult? Have you ever been thankful that God didn't answer one of your prayers? Have you ever been frustrated with God's response to your prayers? Why is it important to surrender before we ask God for anything?
- 6. Read Matthew 6:11-13. The final thing we do when we pray is ASK God for what we need. Jesus gives us a few things that we should ask for — what does each one tell us about our needs?

# **Next Steps**

 Schedule a time to pray each day this week. Put it in your calendar. Use the daily prayer guide found *here* (or visit RedemptionIN.com/Guides) to guide you through your prayer times this week.

### Resources

- Practicing The Way by John Mark Comer
- Sacred Pathways by Gary Thomas

## **Next Week**

We'll continue our five-week sermon series "How To Hear From God" by learning "How To Hear God's Voice Through Others."

• **Jasper:** 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m. EDT.

• Loogootee: 9 and 10:30 a.m. EDT.

Tell City: 8:30 and 10 a.m. CDT.

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