

LIFEGROUP

Weekly Sermon Study Guide

Sermon Series: What Makes Us
Sermon Title: Urgent Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15
Date Preached: January 10, 2021

WEEKLY CHECK-IN:

Last week we started a new series looking at our core values. We discussed the core value of “Biblical Authority.” How did you engage with scripture this past week?

Also, as a part of catching up on each other’s week, this would be a good time to gather everyone’s prayer requests and praises. This allows everyone to share about their life and you can use this to guide your prayer at the end of the discussion.

DISCUSSION STARTER:

Share some of your experiences with prayer. What has been fruitful for your prayer life? What about prayer is difficult?

DISCUSSION:

Read the scripture text as a group. If you were unable to worship with us on Sunday, you can watch this week’s sermon at my.worthingtoncc.org/listen.

1. After reading the passage on the Lord’s Prayer, what particular aspect of the prayer stands out to you?
2. Who does Jesus say not to pray like? Have you ever witnessed someone who has prayed this way? Why does Jesus tell us not to pray like this?
3. Read verse 8. What is your response to this verse? How should we approach prayer with this verse in mind?
4. Read verse 11. What does Jesus mean in this statement? Why do we sometimes pray for more than what is needed? Keeping verse 8 in mind, is it wrong to pray for more than what is needed for the day?
5. In the sermon, it was said, “Prayer is not communication with God, it’s communion with God.” Describe what this statement means and how does it affect your prayer life?

MY NEXT STEP:

Jesus concludes his teaching on the Lord’s Prayer by saying that we must forgive others. How does forgiveness or unforgiveness affect your prayer life? Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive?

Next Week’s Sermon Title: What Makes Us: Engage Community