MADE for THIS

Matthew 6:33

But seek **first His kingdom** and **His righteousness**, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 11:1

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

Matthew 6:5-8

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:9-10

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"'Our **Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

If Prayer is about anything other than <u>SURRENDER</u>, we are doing it wrong!

Prayer is speaking to God about what <u>MATTERS MOST</u>

Matthew 6:11-15

Give us today our daily bread.

Prayer is speaking to God about what MATTERS MOST

1. PROVISION

Proverbs 30:7-9

O God, I beg two favors from you;

let me have them before I die.

First, help me never to tell a lie.

Second, give me neither poverty nor riches!

Give me **just enough** to satisfy my needs.

For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God's holy name.

Matthew 6:12

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Prayer is speaking to God about what MATTERS MOST

- 1. PROVISION
- 2. PARDON

Matthew 6:13-15

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.

Prayer is speaking to God about what MATTERS MOST

- 1. PROVISION
- 2. PARDON
- 3. PROTECTION

Matthew 6:13-15

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

TalkItOver

- 1. Why do you think prayer is such an important part of the life of a christian?
- 2. Read MATTHEW 6:5-15 What things that you see stand out to you the most?
- 3. Why do you think we drift toward "shopping list prayers" vs. the kind of prayers Jesus directed us toward?
- 4. How would you like to see God work in your heart and prayer life moving forward?

5. Pray together