



Praying Like Jesus Prayed Week 3

- Describe your daily conversations with God. What types of things do you regularly pray for?

"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. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

- Did you grow up knowing the Lord's Prayer? Was it something you simply recited out of memory or did it have meaning for you? Explain.

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

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

- Why do we tend to put our priorities over God's when we pray? What are some ways we can make our priorities the same as God's?

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

- Share with the group some of the needs you currently have in your life. Ask them to help you pray for those needs.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 (NIV)

- Describe how God's forgiveness has changed your life.

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

- Share with your group some of the temptations you struggle with. How can your group help you fight these battles?

Final thought: With your group pray the Lord's Prayer together. do not simply recite the prayer, but pray it with true meaning. Then finally, pray for the needs of your group that were mentioned earlier.



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For Further Study

To use this resource, simply select one or two questions from each category below that you think will help your group discussion. Alternatively, you can use these questions and scriptures in your own personal devotions during the week.

Open

- What is the best answer to prayer you have ever received? How did that answer to prayer affect your relationship with God.

Explore

Read Matthew 7:7-12

- What did Jesus say will happen if we bring our requests to Him? (7:7)
- What happens when we seek in Christ's name? (7:7)
- According to Jesus, what is the result for those who "knock" on God's door? (7:7)
- How do loving parents respond to a child's request for bread? (7:9)
- How do loving parents respond to a child's request for fish? (7:10)
- What is true about the character of even the best human parent? (7:11)
- What is the likelihood of God giving His praying children what they need? (7:11)
- How are we to treat others? (7:12)

- Why is the command to treat others as you want to be treated so significant? (7:12)

Reflect

- What do you tend to pray for most?
- For what are you most reluctant to pray? Why?
- If earthly parents generally attempt to care for their children, what can you conclude about God in how he loves us?

Apply

- What specific request in your life is currently weighing on you most in your life? Share that request with your group and commit to pray for that request each day this week.

Here are some suggestions you may want to use for your time with God this week:

Day 1- Read the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 and then spend time sincerely praying it to God. Ask Him to help make that prayer a daily part of your life.

Day 2- Pray that God will help you make His priorities your own. Ask Him what His will is for your life today. Read Matthew 6:33.

Day 3- Spend time praying for your needs and the needs of your group, friends and family. Read Philippians 4:19.

Day 4- Spend time with God confessing those sins in your life that you have yet to confess. Pray that God will help strengthen you in handling the temptations you currently have. Read 1 John 1:9 and 1 Corinthians 10:13.

Day 5- Thank God for all He has shown you during the Prayer series. Read Matthew 6:5-8.