

The Lords' Prayer (simply talking with God)

Jesus teaches us to pray to God as our Father. Luke 11:1-4

Speak to God with the expectation of his good plan over your own plan. Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:10

Ask your heavenly father for what you need. Luke 11:5-13

Seek God's forgiveness for your sins. Luke 11: 4, Matthew 7:12

Acknowledge your dependence on God to overcome temptation. Luke 11:4, Matthew 7: 13

What Matters Most?

Having an honest relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
Jeremiah 29:12-14

Next Steps

Use these study questions to turn a message into a conversation. Join with a life group and continue to grow by using these study questions this week.

Getting to know you

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

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Matthew 7:7-12 What did Jesus say will happen if we bring our requests to Him? (7:7)

According to Jesus, what is the result for those who "knock" on God's door?

What is the likelihood of God giving His praying children what they need?

What do you tend to pray for most?

For what are you most reluctant to pray? Why?

What specific request in your life is currently weighing on you most in your life?

Would you consider sharing that request with a friend and commit to pray for that request each day this week?

What is something you are currently praying for that God has apparently not yet answered? How have you handled this prayer not being answered?

Discuss a time when God said “no” or “not now” to a request. Did you understand the reason for His answer then? Do you understand it now?

Do you think there will be answers you may never understand? If so, how does that make you feel?

How would you rate the degree of faith you currently have in God’s ability to answer prayers: High, low or in between? Why?

What are some ways you’ve seen God work in others lives to build up their confidence and trust in Him? Have you experienced that in your own life? If so, how? 1 John 5:14-15 (NIV)

Read Philippians 1:3-11

Praying for others builds unity. How can I help build oneness at Real Life?

Read Philippians 2:1-11

Is it easier to ask for prayer or to ask to pray for someone else? Why?

Read Colossians 1:3-4,

Paul teaches us how to pray for others. We can request that they (1) understand God’s will, (2) gain spiritual wisdom, (3) please and honor God, (4) bear good fruit, (5) grow in the knowledge of God, (6) be filled with God’s strength, (7) have great endurance and patience, (8) stay full of Christ’s joy, and (9) give thanks always. All believers have these same basic needs. When you don’t know how to pray for someone, use Paul’s prayer pattern for the Colossians.

TAKING IT HOME

Review “removing prayer barriers” use this to draw closer to God.

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 plan 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 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 starting line series. Read Matthew 6:5-8.

PRAYER REQUESTS