

In-Home Discipleship Guide

Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for the next 2 weeks we will focus on prayer and the scripture may not align with the teaching on Sunday morning. We encourage you to take advantage of this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

THEME: PRAYER!

MEMORY VERSE: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” Matthew 6:9-13

BIG IDEA: Pray how Jesus taught.

SONGS: Click [here](#) for Sunday’s worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

TEACHING PASSAGE: Matthew 6:5-10

*See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.*

Discussion Questions:

Matthew 6:5-10

1. Jesus wants us to align our hearts with God’s when we pray, (read Matthew 6:1-5,7-8) in what ways should we not pray? Why? (verses 5-8)
2. God knows what we need before we ask (verse 8) then why should we pray?
3. Jesus gives us a model that we can build our prayers from, what can we learn about how to begin our prayers from verse 9?
4. Are you encouraged in knowing that you are praying to Our Father, why or why not?
5. The Lord’s Prayer is broken up into 6 petitions the first 3 are in verses 9-10, what are they and what did they mean to the readers then and what does it mean to the readers now?
6. As Christians Christ should reign in our hearts and rule our lives, what does that look like in your life?

Additional Resources

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5 “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. 6 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. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

9 “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
10 your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”

Say: Jesus disciples asked him how they should pray. He began his answer by warning them how not to pray.

Ask: In verses 5 and 7 what words does Jesus use to describe how not to pray? (Look up words that you are not sure of the meaning.)

Ask: If you were creating a scene for a movie in modern times, how would you set up the scene for verses 5 and 7? Describe the main character. Who else would be in the scene? What would the main character say and with what attitude?

Ask: Why do you think Jesus started with how not to pray? (He desires their hearts to be focused on having a sincere relationship with the Father.)
Look up the word hallowed.

Ask: How should you approach The Father in prayer?

Ask: What do you think it means to pray “your kingdom come; your will be done”? Think about ways your heart aligns with the Father’s heart. Are there some ways your heart needs to soften to the Father’s will?

Activity: Have fun memorizing the Lord’s Prayer, Matthew 6:9-13. Write each portion of the prayer on index cards and add pictures or drawings on the backside that represent the verse. Mix them up and rearrange them in order. Test your memory by looking only on the picture side and recite the verse.

