



Life Group Sermon Study Notes

“From Our House to Your House: The Lord’s Prayer”

Sr. Ps. James Lowe – April 26, 2020

Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- Who do you have the best conversations with?
- What are some of your favorite topics to talk about?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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Luke 11: 11 ESV *Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”*

- It is incredible to consider that of all the things the disciples could have asked Jesus to teach them about, they asked to learn about prayer. This is the only instance recorded in scriptures we see the disciples asking Jesus to teach them about something specifically. This clues us into how important, and how powerful prayer is in our lives. **James 5:16 KJV** says “...*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.*”

Matthew 6:5 ESV *“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*

- Jesus began to teach them the Lord’s prayer. Each line of the Lord’s prayer reveals a deep truth about our relationship with God, what we should value, and our mission.
- *“Our Father who is in heaven, Holy is your name.”* The revelation of God as our Father was a paradigm shift in our understanding of who we are before God.
- *“Your Kingdom come, your will be done on Earth as it is in heaven.”* Our mission is to take part in seeing God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
- *“Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we have also forgiven our debtors.”* We are called to have confidence in God’s providence not just in our physical needs, but also for justice.

- *“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”* This life is a constant battle of decision, to give in to temptation, and overcome. The grace of God can empower us to overcome.

Prayer is a call to intimacy with God the Father and is simply talking with God. It is easy to turn anything we believe to be noble into a show. Can you imagine standing and yelling in front of a person you are supposed to be having a conversation with and never letting that person speak, or even looking at them? Our prayer should be a face to face moment with God. We must examine ourselves so that we do not become like the hypocrites who make a show of good deeds. Fear God rather than man, and seek His approval rather than man.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- What has prayer been to you?
- What does it mean for God to be our Father?
- What does it mean to forgive someone of their debts? (God has forgiven you of your debts to Him.)

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as other requests you may have.

- Give thanks to God for drawing us near and giving us room to speak with Him.
- Ask God for a deeper understanding of prayer
- Ask God for the courage to forgive our debtors.