



Life Group Sermon Study Notes

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

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Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

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

- What is one thing you can do better than anyone else?
- Share a fond ‘stay at home’ memory either from the past or present.

Word (10-15 minutes)

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We undoubtedly all agree time is invaluable. With that, how much of our time are we willing to spend with God? Prayer extends and enriches our life, not because of the act but because of the intimacy it develops with God. In Matthew 6:12-15, Jesus teaches us how to pray and this week, we covered three verses of this prayer:

¹¹ **“Give us this day our daily bread.”**

Scripture testifies to God answering this prayer, such as the story of Moses leading the Israelites through the wilderness and Jesus turning the fish and loaves of bread into enough to feed thousands. God is not limited in any circumstance; our part is to ask and believe in Him.

Not only does God nourish our bodies for good health and physical strength, but he cares for our emotional and spiritual needs. When we pray this verse, it is good to keep all in mind.

It may be God’s wants us to ask in prayer so that we continually recognize our dependence upon Him, and only Him. He desires a relationship with us and delights in our receiving the benefits of His goodness, mercy and grace.

¹² **“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”**

Our debts can pertain to monetary indebtedness, but it more fully covers all our sins. The great price Jesus paid so that our sins are forgiven should not be taken lightly.

This verse reminds us to forgive and ask for forgiveness daily. C.S. Lewis said in his Essay on Forgiveness, that “real forgiveness means looking steadily at the sin, the sin that is left over without any excuse, after all allowances have been made, and seeing it in all its horror, dirt, meanness, and malice, and nevertheless being wholly reconciled to the man who has done it.” He went on to tell us how, “forgiving does not mean excusing, as if it did not happen, but rather killing every taste of resentment in our heart...to refuse to do so, refuses God’s mercy for ourselves.”

¹³ **“And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil.”**

This prayer recognizes temptation as coming from evil, which generally results in sin. Temptation from Satan as well as, hardship or trials, require the grace of God to protect and keep us. This prayer acknowledges we are dependent on the power and strength of God to deliver us.

We should reflect on our prayer life and then be deliberate in spending generous time building our relationship with God. In doing so, we will be amazed at the resulting quality of time each day brings and how we are afforded “all things that pertain to life and godliness”.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

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

- Elaborate on the meaning of “daily bread” in the Lord’s Prayer.
- Discuss tough situations where forgiveness is required, how to forgive, and the possible implications to those in the relationship as well as those observing.
- Discuss types of temptations and how prayer helps.

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

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

- Thank God for teaching us how to pray and his grace to enable full sincerity.
- Pray to have a heart of reverence, gratitude, and faith.
- Ask God to help us to teach others how to pray as Jesus taught.