

The Heart of the Matter

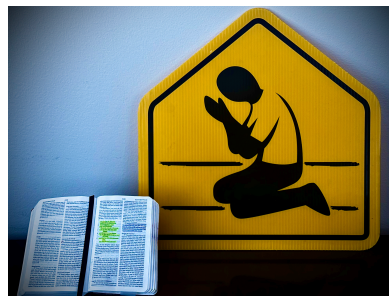
12. When do you find yourself praying the most? The least?

13. In what ways was your earthly father like your heavenly Father? If you are a father, what areas in your life do you need to work on to be more like your heavenly Father?

14. If you have put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ, in what ways has God become your heavenly Father? How meaningful is this relationship to you?

15. Who is someone you need to pray for who needs a real relationship with our heavenly Father?

Praises and Prayer Requests:



Life Group Study Guide

The Lord's Prayer Our Father In Heaven Matthew 6:9-13 For the Week of April 7, 2024

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?

2. Did you grow up in an openly "religious" home? Or was religion a private matter, unseen by you until later years?

3. Were you taught any prayers as a child? What was one of the earliest ones you can recall?

Digging Deeper

4. In Matthew 6:1-4 Jesus continues to describe a righteousness surpassing that of the Scribes and Pharisees (5:20). How have they corrupted giving to the poor? What is their motivation? Their reward?

5. How does their hypocrisy contrast with genuine compassion for the poor? How does their hypocrisy affect their prayer? How does their reward contrast with that of those who pray sincerely?

6. Why did Jesus warn His followers to avoid wordiness in their prayers? How should this warning affect our prayers?

7. In Jesus' model prayer in verses 9-13, what three concerns related to God did He pray about first? What personal concerns follow? What is the relationship between forgiveness and prayer?

8. In verse 9 Jesus begins teaching us how to pray. He starts out with the opening address of the prayer, "Our Father in heaven." In what ways is God like a father to us?

9. By definition, God's adoption of us as His children is an act of God whereby He makes us members of His family. How is this familial relationship described in the following verses?

- John 1:12

- Galatians 3:26

- 1 John 3:1-2

10. According to 1 John 3:1-2, what is the basis for us to be called children of God?

11. According to Romans 8:17 and Galatians 6:10, what are some of the benefits of our being part of God's family?