

The Lord's Prayer

'Lord, teach us how to pray'

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The disciples went to Jesus with a request, "Lord, teach us how to pray". Of course, they knew about prayer, they would've been taught how to pray as children, and perhaps even gone to a synagogue now and again, but they saw a dynamic in the life of their Lord that revealed something lacking in the prayers that they were familiar with.

We know that we could do better when it comes to prayer, but have we ever considered that behind our willingness, or ability to pray, is lack of appreciation of prayer itself?

Jesus responded to the request of his disciples by teaching them the Lord's prayer. This prayer serves both as a model (prototype) and a map (guide) on how to pray. Over next few we will be learning about prayer, not just so that we might know more, but that we might pray more.



Ice Breaker: Ask each the group:

What different types of prayer have you heard about? Are there any that you find particularly easier to follow?



UP: Read Psalm 136:1-9. Hear the response, 'His love endures forever', in the context of the first part of each verse.



UP: Looking at God's word together:
Read: Luke 11:1-4

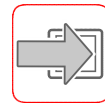
Watch Session 1 of the Prayer Course:

- Why Pray?

Discussion Questions

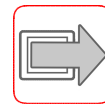
1. Be honest now, what is your greatest struggle when it comes to prayer?
2. What does the way in which the Lord's prayer begins, tell us about the one to whom we pray?
3. In what way does the prayer serve as a model?
4. In what ways does it serve as a map?

5. How would you break the prayer down to different parts and what does each part tell us about what we have in God?



IN: Spend some time in prayer.

- Pray for anybody you might know that has contracted Covid-19.
- Pray Bob & Joyce White.
- Pray for those you know who are on the front-line.
- Pray for the leadership team as they seek wisdom in leading the church during this crisis.
- Pray for any individuals you know that may be struggling at the present time.



OUT: Spend some time praying for friends and family who do not yet know Jesus.