

Discussion Guide

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Opening Activity:

Think about a time you prayed with other people—a family prayer, a church prayer, a hospital room prayer, a meal prayer, or a moment when someone prayed over you. What made that moment meaningful, awkward, powerful, or memorable?

Read:

Acts 2:42-43

Matthew 6:9-13

John 17:1-11

Discussion Questions:

1. In Acts 2:42-43, the early church was devoted to prayer along with teaching, fellowship, and meals. Why do you think corporate prayer was so central to the life and strength of the first church?
2. Prayer is simply conversation with God—talking and listening. Which part comes more naturally to you, and which part is harder?
3. Jesus begins the Lord's Prayer with "Our Father." What does that teach us about God's relationship with us and our relationship with one another?
4. The sermon emphasized that God is Father, but He is also holy, all-knowing, all-present, all-powerful, and above all creation. How does a bigger view of God change the way we pray?
5. "Hallowed by your name" means we recognize God as holy and set apart. What are some ways we may accidentally treat God too casually, and how can prayer restore reverence in our hearts?
6. Prayer aligns our souls with the person of God first and foremost. Where do you most need your heart realigned with God right now?
7. Jesus prayed, "May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Where do you see God's Kingdom breaking into the world around you, and where do you long to see more of His will done?
8. "Give us today our daily bread" reminds us that we depend on God for daily provision. What is one area of your life where you are being invited to trust God one day at a time?
9. Jesus connects receiving forgiveness with extending forgiveness. Why do you think forgiveness is such a central part of a healthy prayer life?
10. Practice praying the Lord's Prayer with family and friends, especially around the dinner table. What would it look like for you to make prayer a more natural rhythm in your home, group, or relationships this week?

Challenge for the Week:

Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly once a day this week—alone, with family, or with a friend. Pause after each line and turn it into your own honest prayer to God.