

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Surrendered Prayer (Teach Us to Pray #2)

Week of January 12, 2020

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

What about 2020 are you looking forward to the most? the least?

DISCUSSION

1. When you pray, what type of relationship do you believe you have with God? Do you see him as a grandfatherly sort of chap, a demanding dictator, an impatient old man, someone like your father, or something entirely else?

Read Matthew 6:9-10

2. Consider the phrase "Our Father"... what does this communicate to you? In what ways is God like a father?



3. Jesus says that the Father's name is "hallowed," which means "to honor as holy." What do you think it means to honor God's name as holy in your day-to-day living?
4. Why do you think we should want God's kingdom to come and His will to be done "on earth as it is in heaven" (v. 10)?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

5. If we are to draw near to God our Father in prayer, we must do so without trying to hide something or hold anything back from Him since "[He] knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matt. 6:8). Is there anything in your life you might not be surrendering to God? If you feel comfortable, please share what it is with the group.

MEMORY VERSE

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'" (Matthew 6:9-13)

PRAYER

Close in prayer by thanking God for being our heavenly Father who reconciles us back to Himself through Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Then surrender yourself by asking for His will to be done in your life.

