

DISCUSSIONGUIDE

Trusting Prayer (Teach Us to Pray #3)

Week of January 19, 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)

Share one thought about the 21 Days of Prayer as it comes to an end. Could be an answer to prayer, something you learned, a way you saw God work, or even something you struggled with.

DISCUSSION

Read Matthew 6:11-15

1. What do you think is significant in Jesus teaching us to pray the following?
 - a. “Give us this day our daily bread” (v. 11)

 - b. “Forgive us our debts, as we have also forgiven our debtors” (v. 12)

 - c. “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil [OR deliver us from the evil one]” (v. 13)



2. Jesus expands verse 12 in verses 14-15, saying we will be forgiven by God if we forgive others for their trespasses against us, but if we do not forgive others, He will not forgive us (vv. 14-15).
 - a. Doesn’t that sound a little unfair? Share with the group why or why not.

 - b. What does it say about ourselves and our relationship with God when we refuse to forgive others?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

3. If we want to fully trust God our Father as we pray, we must do so by trusting Him to take care of everything — the good, the bad, and the ugly.
 - a. Is there any area in your life you might not be entrusting God with? (If you feel comfortable, please share with the group.)

 - b. Is there anything you want to see God do in your life or the lives of others? If so, what is it?

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 together, praising God for being our heavenly Father who rescues us from the consequences of our sin and His righteous wrath though His Son Jesus Christ. Ask God to help you to trust Him in everything, empowering you to live and love in the power of the Gospel.

