



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

SHARE: When you think of the “Lord’s Prayer,” What comes to mind?

READ: Matthew 6:9. When Jesus says, “This then is how you should pray,” What is He saying?

SHARE: Pastor Ken described two kinds of prayer habits — reactive prayer (praying only when something goes wrong) and proactive prayer (a daily practice that shapes who we are over time). What is the difference between those two approaches, and why does it matter?

SHARE: Pastor Ken pointed out that prayer sits at the very center of the Sermon on the Mount — the center of the center of the center. What does that placement tell us about how important Jesus considered prayer to be for people who follow Him?

READ: MATTHEW 6:9-10. Notice that the prayer starts with God — His name, His kingdom, His will — before ever getting to our needs. Why do you think Jesus structured it that way, and what does that order say about the purpose of prayer?

READ: MATTHEW 6:11. The line 'Give us today our daily bread' (Matthew 6:11) references the manna God provided for Israel in the wilderness — bread that came fresh every morning and couldn't be hoarded. What does that image teach us about trust, and why do you think Jesus included it in this model prayer?

READ: MATTHEW 6:12. Which is more difficult for you, asking for forgiveness or forgiving others?

READ: MATTHEW 6:13. How could saying this part of the prayer throughout your day shape your life?

SHARE: What would make it hard for you to pray this simple prayer three times each day? How might it shape your life?