

DATE: May 5, 2024

TITLE: The Lord's Prayer - Part 1

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:9-10

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FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: What rote (repetitious) prayers did you learn as a child?

THINK BACK: Referring back to this week's sermon... What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture AS IT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK? Was there anything that left you with questions?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Matthew 6:9-10

1. In the Lord's Prayer, what three requests focus on God?
2. What three requests focus on our needs?
3. What are the qualities of a good earthly father?
4. How are these qualities similar to or different from our heavenly Father?
5. How can we seek to honor God's name as holy?
6. What can we do to speed the coming of God's kingdom?
7. Does God's will always seem "good, acceptable and perfect?" (See Romans 12:1-2)

APPLICATION

Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion. Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life? What does God want you to know or do? What's one thing from this text that you could say to an unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text. Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE FOR MAY:

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

REMINDERS

Small Group Checklist

- Ask about ideas to serve in some way together. Serve 1x every six weeks or so.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!! One way to reach 'out' together is to welcome people 'in.'
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Check the bulletin, monthly newsletter and events page on the website for ways that you can get plugged in, as well as events here at FCC. Here are a couple of those things:

- Senior Sunday is May 19th! If you have a child graduating from High School this year, please register online to be part of this wonderful morning of praying for your children, celebrating their accomplishments, and sending them off as a church.
- Our Seasoned Saints will gather for their last luncheon of the season on Monday, May 13th for a potluck lunch and Porch Pot Demonstration! Join us for a fun afternoon with other seniors in the church.