

Sermon Based Discussion

Sermon Title: Pray Like This (The Lord's Prayer, part 2)

Sermon Series: A Better Way to Pray (Part 3)

Sermon Text: Matthew 6:9-15

OPENING QUESTION

1. What is some activity for which you've recently had a lot of practice/experience? (It could be related to work, recreation, or extracurricular.)

INTO THE BIBLE: Read Matthew 6:9-15

2. Why would Jesus give us a model for prayer? What might this imply about the nature of prayer?
3. Why is it significant that we address our prayers to "Our Father"?
4. Consider the first three petitions in this model prayer. What observations can be made about them? (verses 9b-10)

What can we learn about prayer from these first three petitions?

5. What observations and lessons can we draw about prayer from the second three petitions in verses 11-13?
6. What is the point about prayer Jesus is making in verses 14-15?

GOING DEEPER (Sharing/Application)

7. What are some challenges you have found in trying to have a consistent prayer habit?
8. This passage (and the sermon) teaches many different points about prayer: that prayer takes practice, that we can pray because God is our Father, what we should ask for, and the danger of insincere prayer. What lesson(s) do you need most for your prayer life?
9. How can we specifically change our prayers to be more like Jesus' prayer?
10. Is there someone you may have resentment towards which may be affecting your prayer life? (Or any other unconfessed sin?)

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..." (Matthew 6:9, ESV)