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*"The Lord's Prayer is a framework for the
entire life of discipleship in the kingdom of God."*
[Dallas Willard]

ENGAGE & CONNECT

If you could ask God one light-hearted or silly question in prayer, what would it be?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

*"All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.
They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might."*
[Psalm 145:10-11]

BIG IDEA

The pattern of the Lord's Prayer is the pattern for prayer and our lives. Jesus teaches us the "way" to pray, which is also the "way" to be in the Kingdom!

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION

1. In the sermon we heard, *"Direction determines destination, and attention impacts direction."* What have you given your attention to recently that set a wrong ("not of God") direction for your life?

Matthew 6:7-15

2. According to Jesus, how should His disciples not pray? Why did he give that warning?
3. What does addressing God as "Our Father in heaven" reveal about Him?
4. How does the Lord's Prayer guard us against self-centered prayer?
5. Why does Jesus emphasize forgiveness as part of the pattern of prayer?
6. When you pray, do you naturally begin with God's glory or with your own needs? How might starting with God's glory reshape your prayer life?
7. What does praying "Give us today our daily bread" teach us about dependence?
8. How do you struggle with forgiveness, either receiving it from God or extending it to others?
9. Which phrase of the Lord's Prayer do you most need to internalize right now? Why?

10. In the sermon we heard, *"Your heart was made and wired for awe. Replacing awe of God for anything less than God will never lead us anywhere good!"* How is the Spirit inviting you to more regularly be in awe of who God is and what He is doing in your life daily?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE

Beginning with God's glory and priorities, the Lord's Prayer draws us into a life where awe of God replaces self-preoccupation. *To pray this way is to live this way*—trusting the Father, aligning our will with His will, forgiving as we've been forgiven, and seeking daily His protection and provision.

As you consider your next step, reflect on: 1) Do I live more aware of my needs or of God's greatness? 2) Where am I resisting God's will because it conflicts with my desires?

Step of Faith Ideas

1. Identify one person you need to forgive (or seek forgiveness from) and take a step toward reconciliation.
2. As a small group, begin or end your time together by praying through the Lord's Prayer with kingdom-consciousness.

PRAYER FOCUS

Walking the Way

Let's prayerfully reflect and remember that each phrase of the Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a way to live in the Kingdom.

- "Jesus didn't just give us words to repeat—He gave us a way to live. As I read each phrase of the Lord's Prayer slowly, pause and consider what it looks like to live that line in your daily life."
- Matthew 6:9–13 will be read aloud slowly, with pauses after each phrase.
- In pairs, each person shares one phrase that stood out to them and prays a short sentence aloud, like:
 - "Father, help me live today trusting You as my provider."
 - "Lord, help me live forgiving others as You forgive me."
- Close your time by reading this prayer together:
 - *"Father in heaven, may your name be holy in our lives.
May your Kingdom be lived out among us.
Provide what we need,
forgive us and make us forgiving,
lead us in your way, and deliver us from evil.
This is the way of your Kingdom,
and we choose to walk in it. Amen."*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [The Lord's Prayer](#)
 - Use this guide for background and encouragement before your group gathers.
- [A Pocket Lighter to Ignite Your Heart](#)
 - This would be a good resource to use after your group gathers.