

Life Group Notes

Living a Life of Prayer: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name'

Read Matthew 6:5-13 & Luke 11:1-4

1. What differences do you notice between the two versions of the Lord's Prayer? Why do you think this is?
2. What do you feel about the Lord's Prayer? Is it a prayer to be said together in a worship service? Or is it a pattern to guide how we pray?
3. How does praying 'Our Father' express both complete dependence on and the utter love of God? (NB Leaders: you may want to think about the term 'Abba' that is behind 'Father', a word that Jesus would have used of Joseph and uses of Father God. You might also think about how God is our Father and what that means)
4. Read Mark 14:36. How does Jesus show complete dependence on the utter love of the Father? Was it possible for the Father to take the cup from him? If so, what would that have meant for us?
5. 'Our Father in heaven' reminds us that God up there has become God down here. He is above and beyond us, but he is also with us (Emmanuel). How does this God know and meet our needs?
6. 'Hallowed be your name.' 'Hallowed' is an old English word meaning 'holy, held sacred, revered'. How do we hallow God's name?
7. When we hallow God in our heart, how should that be displayed in our life?
8. What difference would it make truly to live a life of prayer? Do you think the Lord's Prayer will help?
9. In Luke's account, Jesus' disciples ask him: 'Teach us to pray...'. How would you like Jesus to teach you in the school of prayer?

Hopefully, you will want to pray in your Life Group after this study! Why not conclude the evening by saying the Lord's Prayer together? I suggest you use the contemporary version below, as this is what I'll mainly be using in my sermons.

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Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.