

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE
Pizza & Wings: A Taste of the Familiar
Week 1: The Lord's Prayer | Matthew 6:9-14

Big Idea

Reflecting on Jesus' familiar teaching regarding how to pray can bring such perspective and encouragement.

Opening Questions

- 1.– What is your favorite pizza topping? How do you like your wings? What is your favorite comfort food?
- 2.– Familiarity can bring comfort. During the quarantine have you found yourself clinging to some things of familiarity that are bringing joy and/or comfort to your life in this season? What are they?

General Sermon Thoughts/Questions

- 1.– As we think about prayer, when and how did you first learn to pray? Were you taught any prayers as a child? Thinking about your prayer life today would you say you are comfortable praying privately and/or with others? Why or why not?

Key Scripture Questions

- 1.– The sermon used Matthew 6 as its key text for the Lord's Prayer, but let's start by reading **Luke 11:1-4**. In verse 1 Jesus' disciples were eager for Jesus to teach them something. What was it? And what are they observing that is leading to this desire/request?
- 2.– Read **Matthew 6:9-13**. The sermon presented seven petitions that can be seen in this prayer model. Can you identify them all? Also, they are split into two major categories. Can you recall those two major categories and which petitions reside under each category?
- 3.– In vs 10 we see one of humanities greatest struggles, or tensions, with God. Take a look at vs 10 again. What is the struggle? When we realize whose Kingdom is being established how can that impact the way in which we relate to God and live our life?
- 4.– Re-read **Matthew 6:11-13**. In terms of tenses of time (past, present, future), how do these verses break down? What does that tell you about God and His plan for us? Which of those petitions resonates most with you?
- 5.– Read **Matthew 6:12-15** and then **Matthew 18:21-35**. Thoughts? Talk about the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation. Which one does God command? Is there anyone you feel like you need to forgive? What might that process look like to take a step in that direction?

Application Questions

- 1 – What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and/or our discussion?
- 2 – What is something God wants you to now do?
- 3 – Beyond prayer for each other is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time

Read Matthew 6:9b-13. Perhaps pause at each of the seven different petitions to more intentionally communicate with God (speaking from your heart to Him and hearing from Him). Close with "Amen." If you have a way to listen to the song "Good Good Father" by Chris Tomlin that would be a great way to wrap up.