


Discussion Guide

Series: The Bible Recap, Wk4: Invitation to Prayer

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Big Idea

 Prayer is not about saying the right words, but about having an ongoing, honest conversation with God. The Lord's Prayer gives us simple, powerful prompts to help that conversation begin and grow.

Icebreaker

Who is someone that comes to your mind as being effective at starting conversations with others? As you consider them, what do you think leads to their effectiveness?

Discussion Questions

1. When have you experienced prayer feeling awkward, difficult, or hard to start & why do you think it was that way? What really got in the way during those experiences? On the opposite end, when have you experienced prayer feeling natural or easy & why do you think it was that way?
2. Read Luke 11:1-4. Jesus doesn't necessarily give the Lord's Prayer as a script to recite, but as a model for conversation. How does thinking of each line as a prayer prompt or conversation starter change the way you understand/feel about prayer? Is thinking of it this way helpful, and if so, why?
3. "*Father, hallowed be Your Name*". What are we declaring about God through this statement/mindset? Why is that important or helpful as we enter prayer? Which names or attributes of God are easiest for you to praise, and which are hardest to believe or trust right now & why might that be?
4. "*Your Kingdom come*". This portion of the prayer model invites us to pray from the global level down to very specific places in our lives. Where do you most long to see God's Kingdom break in right now—personally, relationally, or in the world around you?
5. "*Give us this day our daily bread*". What was mentioned in the sermon regarding the fact that the collective word "us" is used here & how should that influence our prayers? In what ways may realizing this be relationship building and even healing? What are the ramifications to our prayer life when we focus, as we are taught to here, on our "daily" needs?
6. "*Forgive us our sins*" and "*For we also forgive everyone who sins against us*". How can considering both directions (us & them) of these sections of the prayer work to bridge any divides that we may have with others. Share a testimony you have regarding the power of forgiveness between people.
7. "*Lead us not into temptation*". It was suggested regarding this section of the prayer that instead of focusing on refraining from negative places we don't want to go, to instead pray to God about positive places for us to go. What do you think of that suggestion & how does it make you feel/strike you & why?

Concluding Question

Which line of the prayer do you find yourself lingering on the most & why? How could using the Lord's Prayer as a daily framework reshape your everyday conversations with God this week? What might change if you slowed down and prayed it intentionally, one line at a time, more regularly?

Prayer

Go back to your individual answers for question 4 & pray together over each one.