

Give Us This Day

Small Group Questions: Part 1: The Basics Of Prayer: Darrin Patrick

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Read

Matthew 6:1-7, Psalm 66:18

Reflect

God interacts with us through prayer. It is when we pray, that he prepares us for what he has called us to do. The Lord's Prayer establishes a framework of how we should pray, not only to praise God, but also to ask him for our needs.

PRAYER TEMPTATIONS

1. **Trying to impress people with prayers.**
Praying with others can be intimidating at times, we might not have the words, or we begin to preach rather than pray. What is one thing that has helped you be confident in praying with others?
2. **Trying to manipulate God with your prayers.**
Matthew 6:7 says we should not use carry on with words so that God will hear us. Say the Lord's Prayer together.

PRAYER FRAMEWORK

1. **Pray intimately - "Our Father"**
In what ways have you set aside time to be with God?
2. **Pray reverently - "In Heaven, Hallowed Be Your Name"**
The term hallowed means to make something the most important in your life. How are you holding God the most important in your life?
3. **Pray submissively - "Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done"**
When we pray, it is about becoming more like Jesus. How have you seen your life change after submitting to God through prayer?
4. **Pray practically - "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"**
God already knows what he is going to give you, but the relationship is strengthened when we ask him for what we need. Where have you seen God move when you asked him for your needs? Do you still have that need, or has God met it in a different way?
5. **Pray authentically - "Forgive Us...As We Forgive Those"**
When we love God, we must also love people. What areas of your life do you need to ask God for forgiveness, and for his help to forgive others?
6. **Pray cautiously - "Lead Us Not Into Temptation, But Deliver Us From Evil"**
In the Bible, when challenges come from God it is considered a test, but when they are from Satan, it is considered temptation. Pastor Darrin said "Don't let your tests become temptation." What is something testing you right now, that God can to deliver you from before it becomes a temptation?

Respond

From this message, what is one key takeaway that you will apply to grow your faith?