



“Lessons to Learn: Prayers”

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Lesson:

How do we pray? Does it matter? Let's look at what Jesus says in Matthew 6:9-15.

ICEBREAKER:

What was something crazy you prayed for as a child? (or as an adult...)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. The first few verses of the Lord's prayer use the pronoun “your” and the second portion uses the pronoun “us.” What could be the significance of this? Why not go in reverse?
2. Can the word “Father” be one that might be problematic for some? Why? How do you make that less of a problem?
3. Jesus says that God's name is hallowed.
 - a. What does hallowed mean?
 - b. How should this affect us as we approach the throne of God in prayer?
 - c. Does it bother you when people say “Oh my God” or “Oh my gosh?”
 - d. Why should we be careful about throwing these phrases around?
4. What does “your Kingdom come” mean? What is our role in that?
5. We discussed a few types of will - our will, other's will for us, Satan's will, and God's will. Describe each of these, and talk about which one you struggle with the most.
6. How does the phrase “Give us this day our daily bread” teach us about relying on God?
7. Can you be forgiven without forgiving others? Can you think of a parable that teaches that idea?
8. Discuss this in your group: Is the Lord's prayer a prescription in how we should always pray? When Jesus said “This is how you should pray” does that mean we should follow this pattern? How well do we do with that?