

Our Father in Heaven

Matthew 6:9 Small Group Questions

- (1) Read Matthew 6:5-13.
What role has the Lord's Prayer played in your life? How have you seen it misused?
- (2) In the first four words of verse 9 – "Pray then like this" – where do we see...
 - (a) That prayer should be purposeful rather than rambling? (HINT: Refer back to vv 7-8)
 - (b) That prayer should be our regular habit? (HINT: Present imperative verb)
 - (c) That prayer should be biblical, not just whatever feels good?
 - (d) How can we take comfort from the fact that Jesus helps us learn how to pray?
- (3) What beautiful truths are seen in the fact that Jesus teaches us to pray "Our Father"?
 - (a) Read these passages as you discuss our adoption and the role of each Person of the Trinity:
1 John 3:1-3
John 20:17
Romans 8:12-17
Galatians 4:4-6
Ephesians 1:4-5
 - (b) How come only believers can properly call God "Father"? Why is this important?
 - (c) What do you think causes so many Christians to struggle to embrace God as *Father* from the heart even though they know it to be true?
 - (d) How can we grow in our conviction and experience that God being Father to us really is good news?
- (4) What important truth is seen in the fact that Jesus teaches us to pray to our Father "in heaven"? What passages of Scripture come to your mind/heart as you think of the exalted majesty of God?
- (5) Why do we often buck up against the idea that there is a biblical way to pray and an unbiblical way?
 - (a) How can we take the prayer Jesus teaches us and use it as a guide, not a straightjacket?
 - (b) What are you looking forward to most in our deep-dive into the Lord's Prayer?