

OUTRAGEOUS

a call to radical living from the mouth of Jesus himself

WEEK 3 - The Lord's Prayer

OVERVIEW

As part of this radically expectation-upending sermon, Jesus teaches his disciples how they should pray. Rather than treating prayer as a kind of code to force God's hand to give us what we want, he says, it is far more about having the right posture and relationship with our Father. He gives his disciples a simple, 5-sentence prayer as an example which illustrates what this relationship should look like: a recognition of God's holiness, an eager desire to see his kingdom purposes spreading on this earth, a desire for simple provision (not excess), a forgiving (and forgiven) heart, and a steadfast desire not to fall back into the world-breaking temptations of sin. If we were to take this posture in our relationship with God, we may very well see the world around us in an entirely different light.

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10

Read "The Lord's Prayer" Matthew 6:9-13. What translation of the "The Lord's Prayer" are you most familiar with? If the NLT version is slightly different, what words stand out to you?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do you want your relationship with God to look like?
2. Who is a hypocrite, as Barry defines it?
3. What would it look like if your whole life was lived for his purposes? What is one example you could put into practice this week to begin this change?
4. Do you trust God to take care of you? Why is praying for (and actually trusting God for) DAILY bread so hard to do in our self-sufficient culture? Give an example of what living out this posture of humble trust might look like.
5. How are you doing at loving your enemies?
6. Are you willing to live with the same measure of grace and forgiveness that you extend to others?
7. What kind of temptation is Jesus referring to when he says, "don't let us yield to temptation"?
8. What selfishness in your life do you need God's help to overcome?

RESOURCES

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