

“The Lord’s Prayer”

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We are to be different—different priorities, different values, etc. This theme is throughout scripture.

“The Lord’s Prayer”- Matthew 6: 5-13

Personal petitions are corporate (us) and comprehensive.

- Material needs - bread/food
- Spiritual needs - _____
- Relational needs - forgiving one another
- _____ needs - deliverance from evil

Give us this day our daily bread. (basic personal needs-things needed to sustain life)

- Everything we have ultimately comes from God. (Mark 4:35-41, Deuteronomy 8:17-20).
- We are to _____ God on a day to day basis.

Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors.

“Forgiveness is as indispensable to the life and health of the soul as food is for the body.” John Stott

- Although it is very good, forgiveness can also be very, very _____.
- Forgiveness cancels the debt.
- Forgiveness lets go of the anger, resentment, bitterness, or belief that we are owed something.

Why forgive?

- God _____ it and Jesus _____ it.
- If we don’t forgive others, it will damage our _____.
- It is a response to what God has done for us.
- It is very consistent with the rest of the prayer.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

- We are all morally _____.
- God doesn’t tempt us to do evil, but He allows us to be _____ to prepare us for what He might be calling us to.
- In our Christian life, there will be resistance and challenge in various forms. There will be temptations to give in to _____.

So what are we praying?

- “Do not allow us to be so led into temptation that it overwhelms us, but rescue us from the evil one.” John Stott
- John 17:15
- Too much “resistance” or temptation can be _____, but “No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” 1st Corinthians 10:13

What do you think Jesus is trying to accomplish as He gives us this prayer?

- It gives us a _____ for prayer.
- It reminds us of the truth about God.
- It _____ us.
- It reminds us of the truth about _____.
- It reminds us about our limitations and _____ on God.

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

What is your main "take-away" from this week? How do you plan to live that out?

Which part of the Lord's Prayer is most comforting to you?

Which part of the Lord's Prayer is most challenging to you?

What can you lose if you fail to forgive someone? What can you gain if you choose to forgive someone?

Is being completely dependent on God a comfortable or uncomfortable position for you? Why or why not?

Read over the various scriptures presented in this week's sermon and think about what God might be teaching you. (Note: these might be different than what was presented in the sermon.)

Review Question #1: What has been the main hindrance to your being different from the world around you?

Review Question #2: What has the main the main hindrance to your making a difference in the world?

