

Dangerous Prayer

Matthew 6:7-15

You're not Good Enough (And that's a Good Thing)
Growth Group Questions Week of April 15, 2018



1. Read together our teaching passage, Matthew 6:7-15. What are some of your observations?

2. Jesus taught us how not to pray in verse 7. In what way(s) have you observed yourself or others babbling like pagans?

3. Share your first or early encounter with the Lord's Prayer. What did it mean to you? Carefully go through each verse/line/word of the Prayer.
 - a. What does it mean to you that God is our Father? Jesus started the prayer with adoration. Does your regular prayer start and consist largely of adoration? How can we enhance our worship of God to hallow His name?

 - b. Tim Keller has described "Kingdom Come prayers" as any prayer that seeks God's glory to be displayed and his world to be set right. How might you include this type of prayer in your regular rhythms? What do you think keeps you from praying in this way more often?

 - c. In your observation, do American Christians grow more in praying for His will to be done? Why or why not? How then can we grow more in this area of surrendering to His will?

 - d. Many, if not all of us, have been so blessed that we do not pray for daily sustenance because God has amply supplied. How can we apply asking God for our "daily bread?"

 - e. We've learned that God's forgiveness is not contingent on our forgiving others. Why do you think it is essential for us to forgive others?

 - f. In what ways does the evil one often seek to tempt you to sin? How do you respond? How can we as a community/group become answers to this prayer for one another?

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Message Notes

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How not to pray

1. Like hypocrites
2. Like pagans

How to pray

1. Revering
2. Relinquishing
3. Requesting
4. Releasing
5. Resisting