Matthew 6:11-12

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

* Day 1

Read Matthew 6:11-12.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

**11** Give us this day

our daily bread.

**12**And forgive us

our debts,

as we also have forgiven

our debtors.

1. What is first request made in these verses?
2. How do the requests in these verses shift from the previous verses of the prayer?
3. When is this request asked to be completed?
4. What is required of the one who prays to pray such a daily prayer?
5. How often does the first request imply it is necessary to be asked?
6. Who is the request directed toward?
7. Why is this request directed here and not to another?
8. Why are we capable of asking this request of God?

* Day 2

Read Matthew 6:11-12.

1. What is daily bread?
2. Why is it important that it says “our” daily bread instead of “my”?
3. What is the second request made in these verses?
4. What is asked to be forgiven?
5. What are “our debts”?
6. Who are our debtors?
7. What tense is the verb relating to our action in the second request?
8. What does this verb tense assume about our acts of forgiveness?

* Day 3

Read Matthew 6:11-12.

1. What does this second request imply regarding God’s ability to forgive?
2. What makes God capable of forgiving sins?
3. How does being forgiven impact the way we forgive?
4. Again “us” and “our” are stated here. What would a corporate prayer for forgiveness look like?
5. What are the barriers to forgiveness that often exist in your own heart?
6. How can God’s forgiveness toward any sinner who repents and believes in Christ impact the way your forgive others?
7. How should we pray in light of these verses?