

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Matthew 6:9 – Pray in this Way

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 6:1-15.

1. Read Matthew 5:1-12. Read Matthew 7:28-29. From Mt.5:1-7:29, what is the setting for this part of the book of Matthew?
2. Read Matthew 6:1-13. What was Jesus concerned with in this section?
3. What kind of instruction does Jesus offer on prayer in vv. 5-8?
4. From the context of Jesus' teaching, is the prayer in vv. 9-13 meant to simply be repeated?
5. How many requests or petitions do you see in vv. 9-13? What does this tell us about the nature of prayer?
6. How does Jesus' instruction to "pray in this way" shape our understanding of this prayer?

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7. How does the prayer begin in v. 9?

❖ Day 2

Read Matt 6:9-13 again.

8. Why was addressing God as Father significant in the culture of Jesus' day?

9. How does addressing God as Father impact the way we pray?

10. How does addressing God as Father impact our thoughts of God as we pray?

11. How is the Father described in v. 9?

12. Why is the Father described this way in v. 9?

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13. How does this description of the Father impact the way we pray?

❖ Day 3

Read Matt 6:9-13 again.

14. What does the word “Hallowed” mean?

15. What are we to pray would be hallowed?

16. Why would we pray for God’s name to be hallowed and not God himself?

17. Read Ex 3:13-16. What is the significance of the name of the Lord here?

18. Read Ps 54. Is there any distinction between God himself and his name in this Psalm?

19. Read Ezek 36:16-32. Describe God’s concern for his name from this passage.

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20. From these three OT passages (we could look at more!) summarize the significance of God's name.

21. In light of these OT passages, why would we pray for God's name to be hallowed?

22. How should Matt 5:9 shape your prayer life this week? How could you practically apply praying "in this way" this week and the weeks to come?

In preparation for Sunday, pray in this way!