

Lord's Prayer Discussion Guide
(Developing a prayer life - The Lord's prayer)
(Luke 11: 1-4, Matthew 6:9-14)

The Lord's Prayer

How would you define prayer?

Do you pray regularly? Do you fast regularly? Why or why not?

Do you feel like you know how to pray when you pray?

Is it difficult for you to pray? Why or why not?

Have you seen people pray like those described in Matthew 6:5-8? How did it make you feel?

God knows what we need before we even ask (v.8). If this is true, why should we pray? Wouldn't this qualify as meaningless repetition or babbling (v.7)?

Talk about how you pray. Are you alone? With family? Do you have lists of requests? Praises? Do you use Scripture?

Prayer structure

This has been divided into five sections. You could use this simple and structured approach to bring balance and depth into your prayer life. Notice that prayer, worship, supplication and intercession are all mingled together in the Lord's Prayer.

Questions for discussion

What does it mean to call God, Our Father?

What does a Father mean to you?

How do you typically address God as you begin your prayer? Do you say "Our Father"?

What kind of songs do you sing when praising God?

What do we mean by God's Kingdom? Romans 14:17, Colossians 1:13

When you pray for God's will to be done in the world and in your life do you really mean it?

How can we know what the will of God is?

How can we pray for God's will on earth in a practical way?

What does the Bible mean by bread - flour, yeast, water and some sugar?
Matthew 4:4

What does John 6:1-14 and Matthew 14:14-21 tell us about Jesus concern for our physical needs?

Why is it important to ask for God's forgiveness when we go astray?

How should we deal with people who refuse to forgive us?

And do not lead us into temptation'. What does this mean?

What promises does Psalm 121 hold for us?