



Sermon Discussion Questions

June 9, 2019

Series: Praying
Sermon Title: Part 7

Read Luke 11:1-13

1. You heard the question posed, “Do you think yourself more capable than Jesus?” As you reflect on this question, What is it that is keeping you from going to our Heavenly Father and asking boldly for your needs in life? What is keeping you from trusting Him?
2. Our Heavenly Father delights in providing for those who are persistent in praying. How should this change the way you view God as well as your own prayer life?
3. Do we believe God to write our story and do we trust Him to do it? How do you tend to get in the way and control the story rather than trust Him to be in control? Are you afraid that God’s plans might not be your plans?

Family Time

1. As a family focus and read through the entire Lord’s Prayer.
2. Have a discussion with your kids about the importance of prayer and how it is a conversation with your creator. Ask them what prayer means to them?
3. Ask them what does it mean to trust in God?
4. Try to repeat the Lord’s Prayer that you have worked on memorizing.



Sermon Discussion Questions

June 2, 2019

Series: Praying
Sermon Title: Part 6

Read Matthew 6:12-15

1. What does true confession look like? When we carry our sins, what emotions are often associated with unconfessed sin? Is there any unconfessed sins in your life that you need to take before the Father, in order to receive His forgiveness (further reading I John 1:8-9)
2. You heard it said that “We have a natural inclination to be self-centered and independent of God.” As you think about your self-centeredness, how does that often lead you into temptation, and furthermore, how does that affect your actions? What are some of the temptations that Satan uses to push you away and distract you from our Heavenly Father?
3. Temptation can always be seen as a testing of our faith, so how can we have a perspective change to view the temptation or trial not as a destruction of our souls but rather a building up and growing of our faith? Shift from asking why and ask now what?

Pray through these 3 Truths

1. Our Father lovingly leads us to growth and blessing.
2. Our natural inclination is to be self-centered and independent of God
3. No temptation or trial is greater than the promises, presence, and power of God.

Family Time

Read Matthew 6:12-15

1. As a family focus on Verse 13, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”
2. Have a discussion with your kids about the temptations that they face on a daily basis. Ask them the current temptations they are facing in their life right now? Explain how God can give you the power to overcome any temptation that they face.
3. Throughout the series we encourage you to memorize the Lords prayer with your child. Spend some time working on this section with your kids.



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 26, 2019

Series: Praying
Sermon Title: Part 5

Read Matthew 6:12-15

1. What does true confession look like? When we carry our sins, what emotions are often associated with unconfessed sin? Is there any unconfessed sins in your life that you need to take before the Father, in order to receive His forgiveness (further reading I John 1:8-9)
2. The statement was made that **“true inward confession always has outward fruit”**. Think of a time that you have truly confessed sin in your life. What were some of the outward changes that were evident? How did those changes affect you personally and affect those around you?
3. We were reminded that forgiving those who have hurt us deeply can seem impossible in our own strength. Are there people in your life that you need God’s strength to help you take steps toward forgiving? What would these steps look like? As you reflect on the debt that God has forgiven you, how does this encourage or motivate you to forgive others?
4. This has been a series on the power and privilege of prayer. Spend some time this week in prayer, asking God to search your heart and reveal any unconfessed sin and hurt from past relationships that would require His strength as we confess and move toward forgiveness.

Family Time

Read Matthew 6:12-15

1. As a family focus on verse 12, “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”
2. Have a discussion with your kids about what sin is, how it affects our lives and our relationships. Why is it important to confess our sin? Remind them that when we love someone we should be quick to forgive. Our Father loves us and is standing ready to forgive us for our sins.
3. Throughout the series we encourage you to memorize the Lord’s prayer with your child. Spend some time working on this section with your kids.



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 19, 2019

Series: Praying
Sermon Title: Part 4

Read Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) and Matthew 6:25-34

1. We were reminded and can be encouraged that it is okay to have needs and to bring those needs before our Heavenly Father in prayer. "Our daily bread" represents these needs. What needs in your life do you currently face that are causing you to feel worried or overwhelmed?
2. You heard it said, "don't you want life to be about more than our needs?" In order for us to move beyond these basic needs we must first acknowledge that the Father has promised to meet these daily needs. What would it look like for you to acknowledge the Father in these areas and what confidence does this bring to you knowing that the Father is willing and able to meet your needs?
3. We have learned throughout the series that ordering our prayers to the model given to us by Jesus helps us to seek His heart before we seek his hands. Spend some time in prayer really focusing and meditating on the Father's character (seen in Hexagon). Reflect on some different attributes of the Father. (Love, Sovereignty, Grace, Providence, Faithfulness, etc...) How does this help you trust Him more in light of your current needs

Family Time

Read Matthew 6:9-13

1. As a family focus on verse 11, "give us this day our daily bread."
2. Have a discussion with your kids about the daily basic needs that they may have, for example food, clothing, and shelter. Ask them, "How do our daily needs get met?" More than likely your kids will say something about how their parents or guardians provide their needs. Take this opportunity to help your kids understand that ultimately everything we have comes from God. You can point to how God has given you the strength to work, knowledge to do your job, provide the opportunity to work, etc.
3. Throughout the series we encourage you to memorize the Lords prayer with your child. Spend some time working on this section with your kids.



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 12, 2019

Series: Praying
Sermon Title: Part 3

Read Matthew 6:10

As we learn to pray earnestly through this section of the prayer we grow to recognize:

1. Gods glorious reign (Hallowed be your name)
2. Long for Gods sovereign rule (Your kingdom come)
3. Surrender to His grander plan (Your will be done)

Let's spend time reflecting on these three truths.

Last week we were encouraged by the truth that we can approach God as our Father, but we are reminded in this prayer that our Father is a holy God that should be "hallowed" as such. Spend a few moments reflecting on the holiness of God, how can you grow to better recognize His holiness in your life?

How does this further encourage you to approach His holiness as your heavenly Father?

As Christ followers we long for our future inheritance in Gods kingdom, we know in His kingdom there will be no suffering, shame, sickness, etc. In this prayer we are encouraged to invite Gods kingdom into our mundane context. Is there an area in your life where you need "Gods kingdom to come" and make a difference? Be specific.

What are you longing for in His kingdom that you want to see happen right now? Take a few moments and ask God to reveal His kingdom in tangible ways in your life today.

In many ways Gods kingdom has come and we have the opportunity to embrace that as we surrender to His will. God in his sovereignty is accomplishing His will and invites us to surrender so that we can see His desired future become reality for us. What areas do you struggle to surrender to His will? If you see God as a good heavenly Father do you trust Him and his understanding of whats best for your life? Ask your heavenly Father to reveal His will and grant you the faith to surrender to His will.

Family Time

Read Matthew 6:9-15

1. As a family focus in our As a family focus on verse 10, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done."
2. As parents you have desires and plans for your children and their future. I hope this message has encouraged you to pray for and with your children. Share with your kids that because you love them you have plans for them and certain things you would like to see them accomplish and become. Relate this to their heavenly father. Discuss how you're not a perfect parent but we have a perfect father in God and we can trust His plans for our lives
3. Throughout the series we encourage you to memorize the Lords prayer with your child. Spend some time working on this section with your kids.



Sermon Discussion Questions

May 5, 2019

Series: Praying

Sermon Title: Part 2

Read Matthew 6:5-15

1. The Lord's prayer can be familiar to us and we often brush over it without taking a second thought. We see that Jesus is teaching us how to pray, and He first highlights how God is our Father and also our King.
How does the idea of God as your Father compare to that of your earthly father?
Does this thought come with positive or negative feelings?
2. Shane reminded us that regardless of our earthly father we have a good Heavenly Father. Spend some time reflecting on what makes God a good Father.
3. As you pray this week focus more on the reminders we received; Be dependent, Come messy, Learn to be helpless.
Which of these do you find most difficult to apply in your prayer life?
How can God's grace help shape this in our life?

Family Time

Read Matthew 6:9-15

1. As a family focus in our "Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your name."
2. This phrase is saying that God is both a Father, but also is a Holy God that loves us.
3. Throughout the series we encourage you to memorize the Lords prayer with your child. This week focus on the first phrase.



Sermon Discussion Questions

April 28, 2019

Series: Praying

Sermon Title: Part 1

Read Thessalonians 5:16-18

1. You heard it said that “prayer is a conversation where your life and your God meet,” is this a definition that you can relate to? As you reflect on your own personal prayer life, how consistently are you engaged in conversation with your God?
2. If you are honest, has your prayer life been more geared towards what you can get from God rather than an intimate conversation between you and your Heavenly Father?
3. Our prayers don't always result in God changing our circumstances but the power of prayer is God's ability to change us. Thinking through the current circumstances of your life, what would it look like to shift from expecting God's answer to enjoying God's promised presence through these circumstances? Spend some time today in prayer focusing on God's character and promises and less on your “list” of needs that you would like answered. This act of worship will encourage you in spite of your circumstances.

Family Time

1. Have a discussion with your children about how they would define prayer. Offer explanation of what prayer is and how it's a conversation between you and God? Use your relationship with them as an example of how their relationship to God can be. For example, you love your children and want to have a relationship with part of that is meeting their needs and being okay with their constant requests of things, but a relationship has to be more.
2. How can we pray to reflect this relationship more?