

Flourishing in Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

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BIG IDEA

When the disciples asked how to pray. Jesus didn't give them something to perform. He gave them a way to depend on the Father. The Lord's Prayer models the perspective and process we need in our lives to flourish.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Matthew 4:7, 6:9-13,33, Exodus 4:22-23, Numbers 6:27, Psalm 115:16,

1. The Lord's Prayer wasn't just a prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray. It was the prayer he was living out in his own life. Consider your prayer life, does it model how you live out your faith? Imagine explaining your prayer life to someone who doesn't have one.
2. Some of the most striking attributes of the Lord's Prayer is it's direct, personal, and relational tone. What does this reveal about character of God? Why would Jesus's disciples need to be instructed in this way?
3. Consider the concept for this series. A blueprint, a plan to construct and orient you life in such a way so that you may flourish in your kingdom calling. What obstacles will someone have to overcome to live into that truth? How can we encourage the people we love to grow into their kingdom calling?
4. "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." In your own words, explain what that means in this season of your life? How do you respond, be honest, when God's will isn't your desire? Your family's desire? Your culture's desire?
5. Create a metaphor to explain the way God leads us. What other passages from scripture would support your metaphor?
6. Praying the Bible, is a great way to breath life into your prayers. Allowing passages of scripture to be the focus and language of your prayer, In your opinion how often should someone pray in this way? (Bible open, reading scripture and praying out loud) What sort of impact do you think it would have on a person's life?
7. Whether through prayer or conversation, who is someone you would like to invite into a deeper relationship with Jesus? What would trusting God look like in regards to this person, what is your role?

