



## **Life Group Discussion Questions**

**Sermon Series:** Pray Like Jesus

**Sermon Title:** Part 1 - Recipe and Recipient

**Sermon Date:** 1-6-19

**Gospel Gain:** Jesus teaches us to bring the whole of life and the whole of God together in prayer.

### **Gathering Together** (Icebreaker)

How many of you grew up in a church where the Lord's Prayer was recited each Sunday? What are the potential pro's and con's of reciting that prayer each week?

### **Growing Together** (Truth/Equipping)

In this series we desire to take a fresh look at a familiar prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. The Lord's Prayer has much to teach us. Each week we will take a phrase of the prayer and seek to apply it to our daily life. Today's message is an overview of the prayer.

***Matthew 6:9-13 - Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

What phrase, in this passage, speaks to you the most and why?

This passage provides some basic ingredients for prayer. We are to praise and honor God. We are to pray for God's work in the world. We are invited to pray for God's help with our daily needs. How can we develop a balanced prayer life that includes all of these ingredients?

God is intended to be the recipient of our prayers. What characteristics of God are described in these verses? What other characteristics about God can you share with your group?

Jesus is teaching us to bring the whole of life (past, present, future) to the whole of God and to bring the whole of God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) to the whole of life through prayer.

***Give us this day our daily bread...*** God the Father is our creator and sustainer of life.

What are some of the most common daily needs people deal with in their life? Why would someone be encouraged to know that they can bring their present needs before God?

***Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors...*** God the Son is Jesus Christ our Savior, healer and redeemer.

What emotions are connected to the reality of being forgiven for our sins? Do you find it more challenging to ask for forgiveness from God or extend forgiveness to others and Why?

***Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...*** God the Holy Spirit is our comforter, strengthener and guide.

How do you feel knowing that God can help you face temptation? What are some practical ways to remember that God's Holy Spirit is with us each moment of the day?

### **Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

What do you hope to learn as we take a fresh look at the Lord's Prayer?

### **Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.