

By His Spirit...We Pray Fervently!

Text: Matthew 6:5-13

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Big Idea: Jesus has taught us how to pray; we must imitate Him.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text says about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

Question #3 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What are the principles, commands or promises given?

- a) What is the overall theme of the text?
- b) Does the passage include any promise from God? If so, what?

Question #4 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is the application?

- a) What is one specific way I can live by these truths, or trust in these promises today?
- b) What is the next step that I need to take too see this happen?

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Point 1: A Single MOTIVATION: God's HEART (vv. 5-6)

Question: God will reward those who humbly seek Him. Am I posing or pursuing?

Question #5

- a) Why did Jesus call out many of the Jews as hypocrites (v.5b)?
- b) What reward is Jesus speaking of that He will give to those who truly seek Him (v. 6)?
- c) Why can it be tempting to be motivated by rewards from man when we pray?
- d) Are you ever tempted with a divided desire in prayer? If so, what areas are most tempting for you?

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Point 2: A Holy DISTINCTION: God's GLORY (vv. 7-13)

Question: A prayer of distinction is a prayer for God's glory. Whose glory am I seeking?

Question #6

- a) How should it impact our prayers knowing that our Heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask?
- b) Find promises that God has given us through the gospel, for how He promises to meet various needs we will have. Be prepared to encourage the group with them.

Holy distinction means we pray with....

Question #7

REVERENCE for God (v. 9)

- a) Find Scriptures that declare various names and attributes of God.
- b) Why is it crucial that our prayers begin with a reverence for and recognition of who God is?

Question #8

SUBMISSION to God (v. 10)

- a) What does Jesus mean when He says we must pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven?"
- b) Why is insisting on our own plans, desires and will in prayer dangerous?
- c) Whose kingdom do your prayers primarily reflect you want to see built?
- d) Where do you need to bring your will/desires into conformity with God's will?

Question #9

DEPENDENCE on God (vv. 11-13)

The 3 areas of dependence that Christ instructs us to pray for are: Daily bread (v. 11), Daily restoration (v. 12) and Daily deliverance (v. 13).

- a) How are each of these requests all meant to hallow God's name and see His glory in our lives?
- b) Which of these do you find it the easiest to trust God for? Which are the hardest?

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying through Christ's model for prayer in vv. 9-13. Specifically..

- a) REVERENCE: The names and attributes of God in declaring who He is.
- b) SUBMISSION: Asking for His kingdom to come and His will done in your life personally, in your group and in the Church. Be specific with any areas you need to submit to Him.
- c) DEPENDENCE: For the daily needs you and the church are facing, for forgiveness for sin in your life and forgiving others who've sinned against you; and for deliverance from evil this week.

Memory Verse:

"Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

-Matthew 6:9-13

