The Priority of Fervent Prayer
Text: Matthew 6:5-13
November 7, 2026

Big Idea: To press on to Jesus means we must pass on in fervent prayer.

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) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
c) How does the text point to my need for Jesus?

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Point 1: Single <u>FOCUS</u>: God's <u>HEART</u> (vv. 5-6)
Question: God rewards those who humbly seek Him. Are you posing or pursuing?

Question #3
a) **Rd vv. 5-6:** Why did Jesus call out many of the Jews as hypocrites?
b) 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: Single PURPOSE: God's GLORY (vv. 7-13)

Question: The purpose of prayer is the glory of God. Is Jesus the goal, or are you?

Question #4

a) How should it impact our prayers knowing that our Heavenly Father knows what we need before we ask?
b) How does this truth move our prayers from seeking my kingdom to seeking God's kingdom?

Question #5

a) **Rd v. 10:** 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) Whose kingdom do your prayers primarily reflect you want to see built?
c) What area(s) are you most likely to seek your own kingdom over the Lord's? Why those ones?
d) How does the gospel free you from needing to pursue those things as first priority?

Question #6

a) **Rd 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?

Prayer Application

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

a) REVERENCE: Lord, I praise You because You are_____ .
b) SUBMISSION: Lord, Your kingdom come and Your will be done in_____ .
c) DEPENDENCE: Lord, please give me my daily bread of_____. Lord, please help me to forgive_____. Lord, please protect me from_____ .

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