

Sermon Notes

September 20, 2020

“The Directions of Prayer” -Matthew 6:5-15

Introduction

- The day I was called “Daddy”
- The context of “The Lord’s Prayer”
 - ◇ “do not be like the hypocrites” (Matthew 6:5)
 - ◇ “do not keep on babbling” (Matthew 6:7)
 - ◇ Christian prayer is not trying to manipulate God or impress others
- The directions of “The Lord’s Prayer”: Up, In, Out

Up

- A “big” God
 - ◇ Knowable (our), Personal (Father), Sovereign (in heaven), Pure (hallowed)
- Worship is the foundation of a deepening life of prayer
 - ◇ Removes us from the centre
 - ◇ Builds faith

In

- Two prayers of submission: “your will be done” and “our daily bread”
- “Our daily bread”
 - ◇ Not just about food!
 - ◇ Freedom from fear that there won’t be enough
- “Your will be done”
 - ◇ “Your will be done” means “not my will be done”
 - ◇ It’s about obedience
 - ◇ What’s the next step of obedience in your relationship with Jesus?

Out

- Forgiveness and Deliverance
 - ◇ Forgiveness of others turns our prayers and lives towards others
 - * Story of an imprisoned friend
 - ◇ Deliverance from evil keeps us strong in the world
 - * God does not tempt us (James 1:13)
 - * But trials and temptations remind us to turn to the Lord for his strength (James 1:2-3)
 - * Paul and “the thorn in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12)
- Praying for a clearer revelation of God’s grace and power

Memorize Scripture

We cry “Daddy” to God and our heavenly Father hears us

