

October 23-24, 2021

The World Anew
"A People of Prayer in a World that Seeks Control"

The SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:5-15

The BIG IDEA: We put prayer last, but Jesus put it first. This is our call in this new world.

The Challenge:

It is true that most followers of Jesus would claim to want to be prayerful, but only a small percentage are. Often, we are distracted, or too busy, to pray. Or maybe we have no idea how. Jesus' best sermon ever emphasizes the importance of prayer for His followers. We are encouraged to do the same.

Pastor Chris' Prayer for this Message:

It would bring us closer to becoming a praying individual, couple, household, Life Group, and Church.

Icebreaker Question:

- What is your biggest struggle with prayer? How have you recently seen God answer prayer?

Questions for Discussion:

1. God vs. 9-10

- We pray that God's name will be weighty, heavy, and most significant. If God were to become the centre of your life, what could happen?
- In what area of your life or our world are you praying God's kingdom would come – that He would take His rightful place as King?
- Are you experiencing unanswered prayers in some area of your life? In what ways does praying "Thy kingdom come" help or hinder you?

2. Us vs.11-13

- What provision (daily bread) do you need from God right now?
- What is so scandalous about Jesus' instruction to ask God to forgive our debts? How could praying this daily, shape us?
- Do you struggle with the notion of "the evil one"? How do you see his reality in our world, city, and life?
- In what ways can praying the Lord's Prayer daily, shape your life?

Application:

- What are you taking away this week from this message?