



7 Habits of a Healthy Christian Community

Praying Continually

Matthew 6

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Introduction

Supporting Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Questions for Exploration

1. What did Jesus teach his disciples and intend to teach all his people regarding prayer?
2. How can private and corporate prayer form and fuel the children of God to accomplish the work of God in the communities, nations, and cultures that he has planted us in?

Posture (5-6)

Mt. 6:2,16

Provision (7-8)

Acts 19:34

Pattern (9-13)

Ex. 20:7

Pardon (14-15)

Matt. 18:21-35

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Passages for further consideration and study regarding prayer:

Lk. 11
Matt. 26:36-56
1 Thes. 5:16-18
Rom. 15:30-33

Next Week: Caring Consistently

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<p>7 Habits of a Healthy Christian Community</p> <p>Praying Continually</p> <p>Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Matthew 6</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p>Read the Text - read the text together. (Matthew 6:5-15)</p> <p>Discussion Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Compare and contrast the account of the Pharisee and the Publican in Luke 18:9-14 to the posture of the hypocrite in verses 5-6 of Jesus' instruction on prayer. How are the Pharisee and hypocrite alike? 2. How might we be guilty of many words and empty phrases in our prayers of today? (vss. 7-8) 3. As you breakdown the varying components of the Lord's prayer (vss. 9-13), discuss the components that are directed towards God, and the parts that are directed towards our needs. What is accomplished by keeping the beginning of our prayers focused on God? 4. In our temptations and our testing, we are to pray for deliverance from the evil one (vs. 13). How can/does Satan use temptation and testing to lure the children of God away from their Father, and to distress, damage, and destroy relationships with one another? 5. In verse 12, then again in verses 14-15, Jesus talks about forgiveness. Why is it so important for the children of God to extend forgiveness and receive forgiveness? How do you understand and apply the strong words of Jesus in verses 14-15? <p>Questions towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches? 4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time? 	<p>Supporting Scripture</p> <p>Acts 2:42-47 Mt. 6:2,16 Acts 19:34 Ex. 20:7 Matt. 18:21-35</p> <p>Prayer Requests</p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>