



# Discussion Notes

Lead Us • Matthew 6:9–13  
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The context for Jesus' teaching is best understood from its recording in Luke 11. At some point, it would seem that the disciples were either listening, or trying to join Jesus as He prayed. When Jesus had finished praying, the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. And so to teach them how to pray, Jesus recites for the very first time what has come to be known as the Lord's Prayer. This prayer was not meant to be mindlessly recited — rather, it was a gift given to Christians that asks for revelation, prophetic utterance, and is very evangelistic.

## **"This, then, is how you should pray:"**

- He's giving us a blueprint, teaching us that our prayers should be built with important theological priorities and principles. The focus is on how to talk to God reverently, respectfully, and rightly asking God for the right things, the right way.

## **"Our Father"**

- When we pray, we are allowing God to lead us out of our aloneness into a togetherness: with him and with others.
- We can only call God "our Father" because we were actually adopted, to become His children. This happens through faith in Jesus.

## **"In Heaven"**

- Jesus is teaching us that prayer leads us to God's greatness. God is sovereign, self-existent, eternal, and infinite. He is wise and good and righteous and glorious. Our heavenly Father is in charge of everything. He's free from all the limitations and weaknesses and sins of our earthly fathers. His fatherhood is perfect.

## **"Hallowed be Thy Name"**

- You may think, "But isn't God's name already holy?" Yes, it is, but in our human use of it — it's often not kept holy. When we are adopted into the family of God, we become name-bearers in the world. As his children, we take the Lord's name, as our own. Therefore, we see this prayer is a commission to live lives that honour the family name.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What are your thoughts when we see the absence of I, me, and mine in this prayer?
- In what way does the Lord's prayer teach us to pray differently?
- How do we benefit from the revelation and declaration of this prayer?
- How will prayer shape your life this next month?