



# Discussion Notes

Lead Us • Matthew 6:9–13  
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We've spent three weeks in the Lord's Prayer, considering its big themes for our church as we begin another September together. One of the first things that Jesus taught his disciples when they asked Him to teach them how to pray was that Christians are not of this world. Christians are on a spiritual migrating process, from one kingdom to another (Colossians 1:13). As the Lord's Prayer guides us, we see the direction our lives will take:

- To Our Father
- To Our Family
- To Do Your Will
- To Places We Are Fed
- To Forgiveness
- To Forgiving Others
- Not Into Temptation, But Deliverance From Evil (One)

## **Lead us to Forgiveness (Verse 12):**

Sin is a word most often talked about when someone comes to Christ. For some, our first prayers are sometimes called the "Sinner's Prayer." We hear about sin and are convicted. We sense God offering us forgiveness and new life. A need for a Savior is stirred and we come to Christ responding to the promise that Jesus will forgive us our sin (debts). Furthermore, many acknowledge this when they are publically baptized, as we are baptized recognizing the forgiveness Jesus has given us.

However, after salvation and baptism, the Christian journey is often one of dealing with personal sin in private. The danger is that when sin goes private "underground" it often leads to crisis. Many Christians can feel left alone to deal with their stuff alone. Jesus says, lead us to forgiveness. As we pray, we realize that sin is an "our" problem. See *Matthew 18:15*, *James 5:16*, *James 5:20*.

Depending on who we hold our lives up to, it will determine how we settle, on how we are doing. We have 5 values — Authenticity, Community, Generosity, Growing, and Recognizing & Releasing. Our values mention the name of Jesus 19 times. We want to be led by Jesus, changed and become like Jesus.

Jesus name means “Yahweh” saves. Yahweh is salvation. He came to not just forgive us, but to save us from sins, and make us more like Him.

### **Lead us forgiving others (Verse 12):**

Our society doesn’t value forgiveness — Jesus links God’s forgiveness of us with our forgiveness of others. Forgiven people are to be forgiving people. The way we receive and the way we give are connected. As we forgive, we are letting go of the debt they owe, and handing it over to God.

### **Lead us not into temptation, but lead us to your deliverance from evil (Verse 13):**

“To deliver” means, “to draw or rescue a person to and for the deliverer.” Perhaps this is best thought of as rescued: spiritual, physical, and mentally.

The primary strategy of the devil is to deceive us — to lead us away to those solitary places where we find agreement with something that is not true about God, ourselves, someone else, or even the devil himself. We often make Christian growth about the highs and lows of bible reading, prayer, and church attendance. Christian growth is first and foremost about being transformed by truth. *See Revelation 12:9 and John 8:44.*

### **What is Jesus’ response?**

- Jesus promises to forgive us and save us.
- Jesus says He will delete the history button of our sin.
- Jesus promises to put His Spirit in us, to enable us to live for Him.
- Put off our old self. *See Ephesians 4:22, 1 Peter 1:14.*
- Sanctified us by the truth of God’s Word. *See John 17:15, Matthew 13:19.*

### **Discussion Questions:**

- In what way does the Lord’s Prayer lead us to the best things for us?
- Why is it important to talk about the Evil One and what should we focus on as we do?
- Why is confession, to God and others, encouraged in Scripture and in the Lord’s Prayer?
- In what way is forgiveness necessary for Christian maturing?