

Sermon Outline

Jesus' Teaching on How to Pray

Matthew 6:5-13

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Main Idea: As we close 2015, we look to the Savior who taught us to *pray eagerly seeking the glory of God and humbly appealing to his sovereign care.*

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1. Pray eagerly seeking the glory of God (v9-10)
 - a. "Hallowed be your name"
 - b. "Your Kingdom come"
 - c. "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"
2. Pray humbly appealing to God's sovereign care (v11-13)
 - a. "Give us this day our daily bread"
 - b. "Forgive us our debts"
 - c. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"

Key Quotes:

"As followers of Jesus, we are not immune to any of these sources of evil. Sometimes it may feel like evil is winning the battle, but do not get discouraged. No evil can resist God. God can overcome all evil. If there is one place where we can find hope, peace and protection when surrounded by evil, it is under the shadow of the Omnipotent, sovereign God. If someone can deliver us from evil, it is God. If someone can protect us from danger, it is God. We should believe these truths with all our hearts as we pray..." – Jose Troche

Fellowship Starters:

1. Read Matthew 6:5-13 and open in prayer.
2. Obviously, not all prayer is pleasing to our Savior. Discuss the difference between the type of prayer that Jesus commended and that which he condemned. What is it that makes these prayers so very different?
3. Prayer can be a difficult topic to discuss in a group. Some feel no need to pray since God is in control of all things. Others pray as if God will only act if we pray. The truth is in the mystery that God hears and responds to our prayers but is still the omnipotent, all-knowing and all-powerful One who needs nothing. Discuss how Jesus' prayer helps us to understand why prayer is so important and necessary for us to do.
4. In light of this message, take a more extended time to pray with one another and for one another, praying through each of the 6 categories listed in Jesus' prayer, as well as any other specific needs within the group.