



Redefined!

Redefined – Week 6: “The Lord’s Prayer” Message Discussion Guide May 12, 2024

Icebreaker: What’s a commercial jingle you’ve memorized, either on purpose or against your will?

Key Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

1. In the message we talked about the difference between falling into a rut and getting into a rhythm with the Lord’s Prayer. Talk about your experience with this prayer in your life — was it part of your upbringing, or no? Has your relationship to it been something more like a rhythm, more like a rut, or nonexistent?
2. If you look at the verses surrounding the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew chapter 6, you will see Jesus warning against giving, praying, and fasting like the “hypocrites” do — religious people who do the right thing for the wrong reason. Why does Jesus spend so much time warning about becoming like this? How do we keep ourselves from becoming like the religious hypocrites he speaks of?
3. Read Matthew 6:9-13. In the message, we talked about how this prayer Jesus gives us is like a window into God’s heart. We were able to touch on some of the ways this is true on Sunday, but not all! Go through each line of the prayer and talk about what each one reveals about God.
4. Read Matthew 6:14-15. Of all the different topics in the prayer, why do you think Jesus picks forgiveness to focus on and re-emphasize? Do you think we generally take forgiveness as seriously as he wants us to?
5. The last line of the Lord’s Prayer that we typically say is, “For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever,” and some traditions add an additional “and ever.” This line doesn’t come from our earliest manuscripts of the book of Matthew, but we have record of it being added in a church order text from the first century— so it’s been part of Christian tradition all this time! Discuss that line and why you think it might have been added for corporate worship purposes.

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Let your kingdom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us enough bread for today and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us. Lead us away from temptation and rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen