

Session #5
Small Group Meeting
November, 2020



“Lord’s Prayer”

WNW – Guide

Bible Memory Verse: Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” Luke 22:42

CHECK-IN (10 Minutes)

1. Welcome the group. Share highs and lows.

SCRATCH THE SURFACE (10 Minutes)

1. We are thinking about the second and third petitions of the Lord’s Prayer tonight. Before we jump in with that, what is the introduction and first petition? **(Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name)**
2. We looked at two different versions of the Lord’s Prayer in large group. How were they different? **(One used more traditional language and the other used more modern language.)**
3. Is it ok to have different language to pray the Lord’s Prayer? **(Yes. If you remember back the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew (6:9-14) and Luke (11:1-4) they are different from one another, and a bit different from the traditional way we pray it.)**
4. Do you prefer one version better than the other? Why? **(Various Answers)**

Dig Deeper (15 Minutes)

1. We watched a video tonight about the second petition. It explains that praying thy kingdom come, thy will be done goes against our self-interest. How so? **(We are praying against our claim of independence. We are placing ourselves under God’s rule, not our own. We are praying not what is best for me personally, but for God’s kingdom.)**
2. What do we have to do to bring God’s kingdom here among us on earth? **(There is nothing that we can do to bring God’s kingdom. The video says that “Faith in Christ = God’s kingdom.)**
3. What might it look like for God’s kingdom to come, God’s will be done, in your daily life...
 - a. If someone unpopular is sitting alone in at lunch? **(Among other answers, sit with them. Have a positive conversation. Invite others to join the table with you both. Listen. Care.)**
 - b. If you see someone you don’t particularly like getting bullied in the hallway? **(Among other answers, stand up to the bully. Help the bullied find a safe way of getting out of the situation. Let others know that this isn’t how we treat other people, even if it means that they might give you grief about it.)**

- c. You have saved up \$250 to buy that whatever it is that you want more than anything else. Your friend tells you that their parent lost a job and now they can't afford some basic necessities. What do you do? (**Among other answers, ask what their biggest need is and help with it.**)
4. These two petitions remind us that God is God and we aren't. Remembering that, does that change the way that you think about prayer, especially when it isn't answered? (**Various answers. In unanswered prayers, we sometimes wonder if God is listening. Remembering that thy will be done, not my will be done helps us to think about God not as a Santa Claus that grants wishes, but as Abba, Father, beloved parent, who cares for us and loves us and goes with us in whatever we are experiencing. An unanswered prayer doesn't mean God doesn't care, it means God is present in ways we don't expect or necessarily understand.**)

Bible Story OF THE WEEK Beatitudes -- Matthew 5:1-12

1. If you are talking with someone else, and one of you says that you are blessed, what kind of thing are you normally talking about? (**Something good that happens. Supportive family, wealth, a new thing you really wanted, an awesome meal, a really good day, ect.**)
2. According to the Beatitudes, who are the blessed? (**the poor in spirit, the ones who mourn, the meek, the ones who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, the persecuted for righteousness sake, the ones reviled and persecuted on Jesus' account.**)
3. The Beatitudes do not reflect our will, but Jesus' will. They show us what the kingdom of God look like. Thinking about the Beatitudes, where do you see God's kingdom in your life, in local, national, and world news, in popular culture? (**Wherever the ones we forget are unforgotten. When the powerful allow the powerless to have a voice to the unheard, whenever the "unimportant" and unexpected are noticed and lifted up as important.**)

TAKING IT HOME (5 Minutes)

When you are praying this week, think about how you might pray not for your will, but for Jesus' will.

1. What or who might you pray for that wouldn't benefit you, but benefit others and the world God created? (**Various Answers**)

TAKING IT TO GOD (5 Minutes)

Share prayer concerns each person might have and pray for them. Ask that God's will be done.

BACK TO THE FRONT: SENDING OUT

1. Remind your group that next week will also be confirmation. Encourage coming to worship at 6:30pm and that confirmation class begins at 7:15pm.
2. With your group, go to the Baptismal Font in the Sanctuary. Gather around the font and make a sign of the cross on your own forehead saying, ***"I belong to Christ. We belong to each other."***

Bring Each Week

- Your Bible
- Small Catechism
- Pen or pencil
- Your body, soul & mind

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