

Community Group Discussion Questions

“No Other Name” Matt 6:7-9 Jan 14/15

Getting Started

Today’s message begins a new series that will cover the “Lord’s Prayer or Model Prayer” line by line over the next several weeks to discover not a routine, but a rhythm, not a prescription, but a pattern, not a formula, but a flow for life.

Have you ever been taught ‘The Lord’s Prayer?’

If so, what does it mean to you?

How, when, or why do you pray it?

What does it do for you when you pray it?

Going Deeper

I. The Purpose of Prayer (vs. 6): **“The Reward”**

One thing Christians are supposed to do is pray, and all of us learn to pray from hearing others pray. When you listen to others pray, do you sometimes wonder if they are praying to God, or praying to impress the people who are praying with them?

In Jesus’ time, many religious leaders made of point of praying out loud in public to try to impress others with their spirituality.

What does verse 6 tell us our purpose in praying is?

(Suggested answers: His glory, His goodness, Your growth)

II. The Pattern within the Prayer (vs. 9-13): **“The Reminder”**

- 2 Parts: Vertical/Horizontal
- 3 Petitions per Part:
 - a. Vertical: Praise, Purpose, Pleasure (v. 9-10)
 - b. Horizontal: Provision, Pardon, Protection (v. 11-13)
- 1 Person: Father, King, Provider, Forgiver, Leader, Deliverer

Read verses 9-13.

What do you find to be significant that the Vertical focus happens before the Horizontal focus?

- III. The Point of the Prayer (vs. 8): **“The Reassurance”**
- Revelation & Response

Read v. 8

If God the Father knows what we need before we even ask Him, then what is the purpose of praying? (Possible answer: it reassures us of Who He is, and how He cares for us)

- IV. The Perspective in Prayer (vs. 9): **“The Relationship”**
- Our: His Confession
 - Father: Our Comfort
 - In Heaven: His Courts
 - Hallowed/Holy/Revered: Our Consecration
 - Be Your Name: His Character

As a group, think of why each of these phrases is meaningful. How does each one bring out a part of God’s character or our relationship to Him?

Why do you think Jesus starts the Lord’s Prayer with these words?

Prayer Requests

For our 40 day Time of Fasting to draw all CBC families closer to Jesus Christ so that we depend on Him as our Source and Life.

For our financial generosity to increase so we can be a blessing to CBC families, our community, and the world through our pledge to give 10% of all offering to missions and church planting.