

Community Group Discussion Questions

“A Persistent Prayer” Matt 6:9-13 Feb 25/26

Getting Started

The “Lord’s prayer” or “model prayer” was given as a guide to move every disciple of Jesus through 6 anchor statements that keep one in a constant attitude of prayer. It is in the rhythm of the Lord’s Prayer that hope is held, a cry of help is heard, and a hand of heaven holds.

Read Matthew 6:9-13. Which part of this prayer touches you right now and why?

Going Deeper

I. Hope Is Held: The direction is UP:

v **Father:** Your praise is directed at a person with the title of Father. His concern and care for you leads you to “hallow or consecrate” His name with attributes that reveal His character. If He is Father, then take joy in your status as son or daughter.

Make a list of the names of God and share which ones mean the most to you.

v **King:** Recognizing Jesus as King is to embrace His rule and reign over your life in order to establish what is already in heaven in your life today by removing sin, sickness, sadness and suffering.

What part of your life do you want Jesus to rule over today?
Where are you struggling with sin, sickness, sadness, or suffering?

II. Help is Heard: The destination is IN:

v **Provider:** Jesus is the bread of life that forever satisfies. Therefore, He sustains you with His blessing in the physical, spiritual, and emotional on a daily basis from a source of provision that never depletes or diminishes.

We wake each morning and experience hunger pains. It is time to break the fast our body endured while we were sleeping and that's why we call our first meal of the day 'break-fast'. **How can your morning prayer recognize this dual need for both physical food (bread), and spiritual need?**

v **Forgiver:** Disobeying God's word is a serious offense worthy of severe consequences, but through the finished work of Jesus, all your sin has been forgiven. This leads you to walk in the confidence of being forgiven people while extending forgiveness in the hardest of situations.

**What has God forgiven you for lately?
What do you need to forgive someone else for right now?**

II. Hand that Holds: The dispersion is OUT:

v Leader: Jesus is acquainted with our struggle for He was tempted and tested, but overcame through the power of the Holy Spirit. This same Holy Spirit, when submitted and surrendered to, leads you to make choices that purposefully please God versus self.

Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. At the moment you recognize temptation is knocking on your door, how can praying this verse help you overcome it? (Possible answer: God, where is the way out?)

v Deliverer: Jesus defeated the evil one once and for all! Therefore, since you know that you win in the end, you must walk in victory today. The boldness and confidence you rely on is from the authority that Jesus bestows upon you. So, walk in a holy boldness found in the resurrection of Jesus from the grave.

The Bible tells us that evil has been turned loose on this earth because of our sin. But 1 John 4:4 also tells us, "Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world." **What does walking in victory and boldness look like for you?**

Doxology: The King chooses to release kingdom breakthrough in you towards others! His power will be on display in your life, not for your fame, renown, or glory, but for His forever, famous name. Your life is never wasted when you are living in light of eternity. Recognize the authority you walk in is found in the fulfilled promises of Jesus being the “yes” and the “amen”.

Prayer Requests

Pray that the people of CBC take hold of this prayer, letting it take hold of us, so it become a treasure to us. When it takes hold of us, it can sneak into the lives of those who watch us.