The Lord’s Prayer  
Week 4  

Truth and Equipping

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Purpose: Jesus is showing us how to spend time with God in prayer

Weekly Focus: Trusting that Jesus understands our temptations and wants us to stand up under them. God’s kingdom, power and Glory are all-powerful and unending. The purpose of ending our prayers in faith.


Context: Jesus is teaching the crowds about the Kingdom of God. Jesus specifically wants them to understand the importance of prayer. Jesus tells them how they should pray. Jesus reminds us that God is personal (Our Father) and powerful (Who is in heaven). Jesus then instructs us on how we should approach God in prayer in using His Name and that prayer is an act of worship. Jesus then begins to give us what we should pray. We should first pray for God’s Kingdom and God’s will before we pray for ourselves. When we do pray for ourselves we need to pray for our physical AND spiritual needs, not wants. We need to pray not only for our past spiritual needs (forgiveness for sins) but our future spiritual needs (help in temptations).

“And Lead Us Not into Temptation”

Outline:

I. Temptation comes to all of us
   a. Even Jesus was tempted
      In the wilderness after His baptism
   b. Tempted not by God but our own selfish desires (James 1:13)
   c. Temptation is not sin
      Giving into the temptation is sin

II. Jesus understands our temptation
   a. Jesus in wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11)
   b. Was tempted in every way we were yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15)
   c. Jesus resisted and lived perfect life for our sakes (2 Corinthians 5:21)
III. We must resist temptation
   a. Flee from it
   b. Look for ways that God helps because He is faithful
      i. God does not want you to sin and is not trying to trap you in sin
         Gives us the strength by the Holy Spirit to say no
      ii. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear
      iii. The way out He provides
         • Promises it to us
         • Gives us the opportunity to say no
         • We must look for it
   iv. Be in community with others
      Confess sins to one another (James 5:16)

IV. How should this change the way we pray?
   a. Pray that we will see the things that tempt us most
   b. Pray that we will see the ways out that God provides for us
   c. Pray that we will flee from temptation
   d. Pray that we will remember that Jesus was tempted too and take strength from Him

Reflection Questions:

What are some things that tempt you the most? Why?
Why is it important that Jesus was tempted?
How does it make you feel that Jesus was “tempted in every way as we are and yet was without sin?”
What should you do when you are tempted?
Is there a difference between temptation and sin? If so, what is it?

“But Deliver Us from Evil”

Outline

V. We have an enemy who is against us
   a. Satan the accuser—Revelation 12:10
   b. Wants to steal, kill and destroy—John 10:10
   c. Is the father of lies—John 8:44
   d. Prowls around like lion looking for someone to devour—1 Peter 5:8
   e. We are called to resist him—James 4:7

VI. Jesus is stronger than our enemy—Mark 5:1-20
   a. Man had many demons and the people couldn’t do anything about it or him
   b. He fell down at Jesus’ feet because he knew who Jesus was
      i. Knew He was the Son of God (James 2:19)
      ii. Our enemy is powerless against Jesus
   c. Jesus shows His power by casting out the demons
      i. The man returned to normal
      ii. The man told others what Jesus had done
iii. The people marveled at Jesus’ strength

VII. Jesus will conquer our enemy (Revelation 20:7-10)
   a. He wins in the end
   b. He is strong enough to protect us (2 Timothy 4:18)
   c. We do not need to be afraid

VIII. How should this change the way we pray?
   a. Need to remember that we have an enemy
   b. Pray for God’s strength and protection from our enemy
   c. Praising God for His power that is greater than our enemy
   d. Thank God for His ultimate victory over our enemy

Reflection Questions:

What do you know about Satan?
Why is he our enemy?
How does it make you feel that God is stronger than Satan?
How did Jesus show His power over evil while here on Earth?
What will happen to Satan in the end? How does that make you feel?

“For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, Forever”

Outline:

IX. Earth is small taste of what is to come
   a. See into the future of what heaven will be like
   b. The earth will be like it was before sin entered in

X. God’s kingdom will be forever
   a. God rules and reigns (Revelation 21:5-7)
   b. No crying or sickness or pain (Revelation 21:1-4)
   c. We have nothing more to fear

XI. God’s power will last forever
   a. Don’t need the sun because Jesus is there (Revelation 21:22-27)
   b. All that we need will be Him

XII. God’s Glory will last forever
   a. Will be praised for eternity (Revelation 4:8-11)
   b. We also get to join in praising Him for eternity
      What we were created to do in the Garden

XIII. How should this change the way we pray?
   a. We need to long for heaven, not be attached to this world
   b. We need to thank God for our hope for the future
   c. We need to pray for strength to tell others about Jesus
   d. We need to trust God’s power for our lives
Reflection Questions:

What do you know about heaven?
How do you feel about heaven? Why?
Why is it important that God’s power will last forever?
What things about heaven get you most excited?

“Amen”

Outline:

XIV. What does Amen mean?
   a. Means to confirm
      Let it be so
   b. Jesus is the Amen of all of God’s Promises (2 Corinthians 1:20)

XV. Reminds us that God is the one acting and not us (Revelation 5:1-14)
   a. Our only hope for our prayers to be answered is Jesus
   b. No one could be found who could open the scrolls
      i. Only Jesus was able, only He could make it so
      ii. Only Jesus is worthy and powerful enough
   c. Because we can't do it on our own, we have to trust in Him and His plan for us (Proverbs 3:5-6)

XVI. Shows our faith that God is listening (1 John 5:14-15)
   a. Can go boldly before Him (Hebrews 4:16)
   b. Can ask anything in His will (Matthew 7:7-8)

XVII. Shows that we agree with each other’s prayers
   a. God calls us to pray in community (Matthew 18:20)
      Is with us
   b. Inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3)

XVIII. How should this change the way we pray?
   a. We should use Jesus’ name and Amen purposefully
   b. We should thank God for hearing and answering our prayers
   c. We should praise God for being the one worth enough to die for us
   d. We should pray with confidence and faith because God is able

Reflection Questions:

What does Amen mean?
Why do we say Amen at the end of our prayers?
What have you learned about prayer through this study?
How will you see the Lord’s prayer differently when you say it at home or at church?
Accountability

1. What encouraged/discouraged you from this past week?

2. Without saying something that you are “doing”, describe your relationship with the Lord.

3. How have you worshipped the creation rather than the Creator?

4. What lies have you been believing?

5. Describe the situation around one relationship that you would like prayer for?

6. Which spiritual discipline has really blessed you recently? Why?

7. Which spiritual discipline has been neglected lately? Why?

*The group does NOT need to go through every one of these questions. Depending on the size of the group, this should be about the last 30 minutes of the study.*
Mission

1. Share briefly an update on how the relationship is going with the three people on your prayer tags.

2. What would the next step in one of these relationships look like? Each of you help brainstorm ways to further the relationship or take steps towards sharing the gospel.

3. In general, do you feel encouraged or discouraged in these three relationships?

4. How are you serving people, the Church, our city and/or the world?