



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

Home Group study: week beginning 15th January 2023

TITLE: Prayer and Fasting – The Lord’s Prayer (part 2)

PASSAGE: Matthew 6 v7-13

Introduction:

The Lord’s prayer is part of the sermon on the mount and can be found in Matthew’s gospel, and was directed at the disciples and believers.

Jesus taught on different topics.

- Concerning Anger
- Concerning Divorce
- Concerning Making Oaths
- Concerning Loving your enemies
- Concerning Your giving

And Concerning Prayer.

Read: Matthew 6:7-13

We regard the Lord’s prayer to be read as structure or guide from Jesus on how and what to pray about.

Discussion starters

1. In verse 7 and 8 Jesus makes the point of not being like the Pagans or Gentiles who babble on and repeat words over and over. Discuss what Jesus means by this and why he tells us not to do it.

2. Read verse Matthew 6 v 11 again

As believers, discuss what you think Jesus regarded as our ‘daily or bread’ or ‘Nourishment we need’?

On Sunday Matt shared about how his Mother had her needs met during a time when money was tight and had to trust God for his provision. As a group can you share with one another where you had to rely on God to meet your needs? (Both Physical food/needs and Spiritual food/needs)

3. Recount the story of Moses leading the Israelites out of captivity and into the desert. How did God meet the needs of the Israelites who were Hungry? Refer to Exodus 16

4. In Exodus 16 19-20 the instruction was not to keep any of it until morning, but they disobeyed. What is the lesson we can learn from this regarding Gods provision?

5. Read verse Matthew 6 v 12 again

Why is forgiveness so important to Jesus?

6. Why do we find asking for forgiveness or forgiving others such a difficult thing to do?

7. Read Psalm 103 v 12

Why is this good news for us?

8. Read Romans 8 v 1

Why is this good news for us, and what's the difference between Condemnation and Conviction?

For your interest

This is the slide displayed just prior to Communion

- Petition the Lord to supply your physical and spiritual needs
- We need to focus on Gods provision for today and trust him for tomorrow
- God wants to forgive us not condemn us
- God wants us to forgive others
- God wants us to forgive ourselves

Pray

For the 'Bags of Food' and 'Warm Space' initiative and for the cost of living crisis during this winter.

That the Holy Spirit can help us regarding the topic of forgiveness including others and ourselves.