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BIBLE STUDY SAMPLE



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PRAY

MAKE A LIST OF PRAYER REQUESTS THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH GOD.

Blank space for writing prayer requests.

After you have finished praying, answer the questions below.

WHEN YOU PRAY TO GOD, DO YOU NORMALLY JUST GIVE HIM A LIST OF NEEDS AND DESIRES? DESCRIBE YOUR NORMAL TIME OF PRAYER.

Blank space for answering the question about prayer time.

HOW WOULD IT CHANGE YOUR PRAYER TIME IF YOU BEGAN TO INVITE GOD INTO A CONVERSATION ABOUT THOSE NEEDS AND DESIRES?

Blank space for answering the question about conversation in prayer.

WATCH THIS
VIDEO 

How do you think about God when you pray?

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VERSE

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Matthew 6:9-13

The Lord's Prayer is found both here in Matthew and in Luke, a very significant combination. The book of Matthew is primarily composed for a Jewish audience (which explains the focus on genealogies and prophecy). Luke, on the other hand, is written to a largely Gentile, Greek audience (Theophilus

and those like him). The fact that the Lord's Prayer is recorded in two books for two very different audiences reveals a powerful truth: this perfect model of prayer was intended for all believers who followed Jesus, no matter who they were or when they lived (including us).

USE THE SPACE BELOW TO HELP YOU REMEMBER THIS VERSE. FEEL FREE TO WRITE, DRAW OR DESIGN IN WAYS THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU.

READ LUKE 11:1-13.

When His disciples asked how to pray, Jesus responded by helping them understand prayer as a conversation based on a relationship. One of the first words out of His mouth is Father. Whether you have a good father, a bad father, or an absent father, we all understand that at some point, we had a person who played a role in bringing us into this world. By using this term, Jesus is helping us to begin to comprehend how we should relate to God in prayer.

First, Jesus instructs us to come to God as His children. If we have placed our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, we are God's children (John 1:12-13). So when Jesus challenges us to come to our Father with faith like a child (Mark 10:13-16), He means it! If God is our heavenly Father, we can talk to Him with the same closeness of a loving father with his children.

Next, Jesus makes clear to us that our Father is also the King of the whole universe. Verse 2 reminds us that since we are the children of the King, we owe Him our respect and allegiance. In praying this way, we are saying that we are on His side, committed to His plan and agenda. To be a child of a King is to be a prince or a princess (Galatians 4:7, Romans 8:14-17), but even they must live under the rule of their father the King. As God's children, we must be willing to submit our will and ways to Him.

Jesus continues by clarifying the kinds of things for which we should be asking our Father. A good father provides for the needs of his children. A good father forgives his children when they fail, while challenging them to forgive others in the same way. A good father protects his children by helping them

through difficult times and protecting them from evil. God is the best Father ever! Jesus is encouraging His disciples to ask their Father for all of these things on a regular basis with the full faith that He will take care of them.

Up to this point, most of what Jesus has said seems fairly reasonable. But over the next several verses (vv.5-10), Jesus takes this relational conversation to a whole other level! In essence, He tells His disciples to be bold and persistent! The story He tells of a friend going to his neighbor late at night for food seems almost shockingly bold. And yet Jesus is encouraging us to pray like that! In the Greek, the words ask, seek, and knock are all in the present active imperative tense. In other words, they would be best translated "Keep asking until it is given," "Keep seeking," "Keep knocking". In essence, Jesus is saying, "Keep at it until you get an answer" (v. 10).

As He concludes His discussion on prayer, Jesus reminds His disciples in verses 11-13 that most of our earthly fathers (who are sinful and broken just like us) didn't try to do us harm but rather provide for our basic needs. If that is how imperfect fathers treat their kids, how much better will your perfect heavenly Father, the all-powerful King of the entire universe, treat you, the children He prizes above all creation! Our Father God longs to hear from us about what we need and desire. He also loves to respond when we pray, the way every good father loves to engage with his children. While that doesn't mean He will give us everything that we want (a good father has to say no sometimes), He will always look out for our best interest and provide us with exactly what He knows we need.

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CONCEPTS

Prayer is a conversation based on a loving relationship with our heavenly Father!

CONVERSATION:
an exchange between two people who have a desire to express their views and know they have been heard.

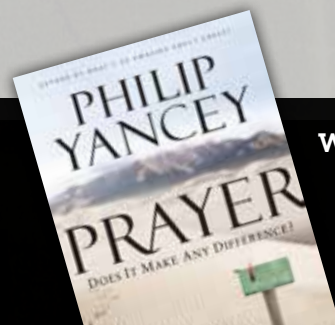
QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE
OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS 

- » WHAT DOES *ABBA* MEAN AND HOW DOES IT CHANGE YOUR PERSPECTIVE ABOUT GOD?
- » IN YOUR MIND, WHICH THREE PRAYERS IN THE BIBLE BEST DEMONSTRATE THE KIND OF BOLDNESS AND PERSEVERANCE THAT JESUS IS REFERRING TO IN THIS PASSAGE?
- » HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO PEOPLE TODAY?
- » WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTION:

Choose two of the questions from yesterday (including your own). Spend the next two days exploring them. Feel free to use reference books (like Bible dictionaries, commentaries, concordances, etc.), search online, listen to/watch sermons and/or ask a mentor/parent/pastor. Record your findings below.

DAY 4 - QUESTION:

DAY 5 - QUESTION:



WANT TO KNOW MORE? CHECK OUT THIS BOOK!

Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference? by Philip Yancey
disciples.awanaym.org/library

DAY 6

Based on what you have learned over the last five days about prayer, create an action plan for yourself. How do you plan to think and act differently?

DAY 7 - SPEAKER:

DATE:

NOTES

CITATION TRACK CHECKLIST >> 2.3

- DAYS 1-6
- CORE VERSE

LEADER'S INITIALS

DATE

**ARE YOU ON TRACK WITH YOUR BIBLE READING?
RECORD WHAT YOU READ HERE:**