



## HOW SHOULD I LIVE?

For many people prayer seems to serve as a magic formula. Say the right things in the right ways and you entice God to give you what you want. When Jesus criticizes the babbling of pagans He is reminding us this isn't a magic spell. He says the God we pray to is our Father who wants to give us what we need because He loves us and is always listening.

Praying in a group can feel awkward at times. Have you ever had an unexpected or uncomfortable group prayer experience?

**What was the biggest request you remember praying about in your life?**

**How was it answered? What did that answer make you think of God?**

**How do you think most people today think about prayer?**

**Why do you think Jesus gave us the Lord's Prayer as a model for how to pray?**

**If God already knows what we're thinking, then why do you think He still wants you to pray?**

In the message, we learned that The Lord's Prayer has a spiritual dynamic (holy is your name), a physical dynamic (give us our daily bread), and a relational dynamic (forgive us as we forgive others). It seeks the restoration of the relationships between God, us, and others. Much like a snorkel, the same way we receive grace is the same way we share grace (forgiveness).

**What does Jesus' request to "forgive as you have been forgiven" look like in a person's daily life? Think to yourself or share, what can you do this week to live this out?**

**When you pray, what do you pray about and when does it normally happen?**

**What next step do you want to take in your own spiritual growth with prayer? How can we help?**

If you feel comfortable, pray the Lord's Prayer together as a group using the key scripture below.

**Key Scripture: (Matthew 6:9-13) Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

