



The Lord's Prayer

FORGIVE US

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STUDENTS WEEKEND:

This past weekend we heard life-changing stories from some of our High School graduating seniors. Was there a testimony from this past weekend that had an impact on you? Share with the group.

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As we continue to study The Lord's Prayer, we are going to look at one of the most difficult statements found in verse 12, **forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.** Caleb is going to challenge us to forgive because it is the heart of the gospel.

READING:

Read out loud together - Matthew 6:9-13.

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 forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

Big Idea: Lord make us a people of extraordinary prayer.

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." CS Lewis

DISCUSS WITH THE GROUP:

Forgiveness is the Heart of the Gospel:

1. At the end of The Lord's Prayer, Jesus continues to teach on forgiveness. **READ Matthew 6:14-15.** Jesus gives a startling warning about forgiveness. What does He say? Why? When we don't forgive others, we are denying our common ground as sinners in need of God's forgiveness. **READ Romans 5:8.**
2. God's forgiveness of sin is not a direct result of our forgiving others, but it is based on our realizing what forgiveness means. **READ Ephesians 4:32.** How are we supposed to treat others? Why?
3. Part of loving people is to forgive them. **READ Matthew 22:37-40.** How does this passage teach us about the importance of forgiveness?
4. How does God feel about loving others? **READ 1 John 4:19-20.** As Christians, why is it important that we show love and forgiveness to others?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you have someone in your life that you are having a difficult time forgiving? Why do you think so?
2. It takes **humility** to receive forgiveness from God. And it takes **maturity** to give forgiveness. What does this statement mean to you?
3. What steps do you need to take to forgive someone that you know you need to forgive?

COMMIT TO MEMORY:

Throughout this series, commit to memory The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

GOING DEEPER:

Is there someone in your life that hurt you so deeply that they owe you something? And truthfully, they can't repair, replace or fix the wrong, even if they wanted to. The longer you hold on to it, the more it hurts you. The gospel means that we are forgiven, even though we can never repair, replace or repay for our sins. Even when we were still sinners, Jesus died for us (Romans 5:8). This week, pray for growth in humility and growth in maturity so you can truly let go of the hurt and forgive.