



## Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

### Title of Sermon: The Disciple's Prayer Part 1

Passage: Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

1. What do you find hard about praying? What kinds of things normally stop us from praying?
2. What sort of practices have you put into place in your life to help you pray? What would you counsel someone to do to improve their commitment to prayer?
3. Do we think of God more as our loving Father or the great God in the heavens - as far off and transcendent or as near and immanent? What are the dangers of emphasizing one of these aspects of God over the other? Which do you think we are more prone to emphasize today? Why?
4. If the chief goal of people ought to be to glorify God and enjoy him forever, what is the chief goal of God? What does he want in the world more than anything else? Can you cite Scripture to support your view?
5. Can you describe a situation when you or someone you know thought poorly about God because of something you saw Christians do? How would you counsel someone who doesn't want much to do with God because of such bad experiences with hypocritical Christians?
6. What are the things you pray "Your Kingdom Come" about? Is our approach to pray about those things first or complain to each other about them? Why?

### Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon? Pray for each other along with other requests.

### Benediction - 2 Corinthians 13:14 NIV

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."*