



Discussion Questions • Abbotsford

Title of Sermon: The Disciple's Prayer Part 2

Passage: Matthew 6:9-13 NIV

1. What are some of the best stories you have heard about answered prayer in your life or in the life of another?
2. It is said that some Christians from years gone by made a habit to pray for 3-4 hours a day. Would you find that difficult? Why do most of us think such an act would be remarkably hard? Is praying for long periods of time something we should desire? Why or why not?

Sermon Points -

1. Give us this day our daily bread...
 - a. Read Exodus 16:1-30. Why do you think God prohibited the people from collecting more manna than they needed every day?
 - b. Why do we want to store up extra money? Is it bad for us to do so (aren't saving money and having insurance good things)? When does our saving up become dangerous to our faith, if at all?
 - c. Other than money, what kinds of daily needs ought we to be praying for?
2. Forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors...
 - a. The great Christian preacher of the 18th century, George Whitefield, used to pray prayers of repentance at the end of every day as he looked back on that day's activities and recalled where he had lied, lusted, or failed to love others. Does this sound like a good idea? Why or why not? Is it good to reflect on our sins like this? Why or why not?
 - b. What effect does asking regularly for forgiveness have on our relationship with God?
 - c. Why does Jesus add the second part of this prayer? What is the danger of not forgiving others?
 - d. Can you give any advice regarding how one ought to move from bitterness to forgiveness of someone who has wronged them? What steps have you had to take in the past in moving to forgive?
3. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one...
 - a. What do you think about the statement, "Satan tempts us, but God tests us"? Is that true? What's the difference?
 - b. Do you think it's noble for Christians to welcome suffering? Should we pray to avoid it? Why or why not?
 - c. How do you avoid falling into temptation to reject God when Satan tempts us? What steps do you put into place in your life to avoid temptation?



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 - Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."