

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE:

(60-minute session—10-11-20)

Message Series: Rooted

While Rooted itself is a 10 Week discipleship program, this message series is designed to pique our interest for that program. The series allows everyone the opportunity explore at least some of the things that are discussed in the Rooted curriculum. We believe the Rooted curriculum will help everyone grow deep in relationship with God and others. We look forward to seeing you in Rooted groups in early 2021.

Today's lesson is about deepening out connection with God through prayer.

What is prayer? How important is prayer? Why did the disciples ask Jesus to teach them how to pray? Before Jesus ever gave the model instructions on how to pray (Matthew 6) what misunderstandings did he first clear up?

The disciples learned a lot from what they saw in Jesus' life and heard from him through verbal instruction. In Sunday's lesson we saw several key components of Kingdom prayers.

1. _____: **Read Matthew 6:9.**

Jesus used terms of intimacy and reverence to begin his teaching on prayer. What comes to mind when you read the word "Father" and when you read, "hallowed be your name" in this prayer?

Take a few minutes and talk about the kind of Father God is.

Take a few minutes and pray and address Him privately with adoration.

2. _____: **Read Matthew 6:10-11.**

What is the Kingdom of God all about? What are we doing when we pray this part of the model prayer—what are we pledging?

Is it wrong to ask God to provide for our needs? What danger do we face when we fail to approach God with a heart of submission?

3. _____: **Read Matthew 6:12**

What is this part of the model prayer about? Can you and I have a healthy prayer life without forgiving others?

4. _____: **Read Matthew 6:13**

Does this part of Jesus prayer mean that if we just have enough faith, then bad things will never happen? What is this part of the model pray about? What is Jesus saying?

How will your prayer life be different because of this lesson?