

Extraordinary

Part 17: Our Father in Heaven
Matthew 6:5-9

Launch

Which version of the Lord's Prayer did you memorize: "trespasses" or "debts"?

Explore

Read the passage

Jesus mentions two negative motivations for prayer. What are they and why does He warn against them?

"Our Father in heaven" is an important way to begin this prayer. If "heaven" indicates God's supremacy, what does "Father" emphasize?

Why do some people view God as demanding and prayer as transactional?

Read the following passages: Acts 17:24-26, James 1:17, Matthew 7:9-11

What do these verses indicate about God's character? How should this influence how and why we pray?

Apply

Does your relationship with your earthly Father have a positive or negative impact on how you view your heavenly Father? Explain.

What is the current status of your prayer life? (Is it more transactional or relational?) What are some aspects that you'd like to change?

Pray

Spend some time thanking God for his "good and perfect gifts." Encourage everyone in your LifeGroup to sign up for the daily prayer prompts. (Text PRAYER to 1-855-221-4567.)