



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Week 1

BREAKING THE ICE

If you could be an expert at anything what would you choose to be an expert at?

Who is the wisest person you know?

MAIN CONTENT

This week Pastor Kevin started a new series talking about the Lord's Prayer. Over the next 6 weeks we will be going through the Lord's Prayer and breaking down what it really means.

1. How familiar are you with The Lord's Prayer?

The one thing the disciples asked Jesus to teach them was how to pray. They didn't ask how to heal or perform miracles but how to pray. Jesus was the expert in prayer so He taught the disciples the Lord's Prayer.

Read Luke 1:1

2. Have you ever asked Jesus how to pray? If so, describe what happened in your prayer life?

Many of us can treat prayer like a ritual in our life. Prayer is the lifeblood of communion with God. He wants us to continually have a prayer life with Him.

3. Has prayer been an active part of your life or passive? Explain.

4. How often do you engage in prayer? What areas of your prayer life do you want to work on?

This week Pastor Kevin started with the first verse of the prayer, "Our Father who art in Heaven". This seems like a simple statement. In this verse Jesus wants us to remember who we are talking to. A loving, gracious, kind father who cares for us. We can address God personally, He is the Father, Our Father.

5. How do you see God as your father in your life?

Read Romans 8:15 New Living Translation

If we don't experience God as our Father, the Lord's prayer becomes a ritual not a relationship. God desires relationship with us. His relationship with us is not the same as our earthly fathers. He is a perfect heavenly father who will never fail us. He doesn't cause wounding in our lives but loves us unconditionally.

Jesus knew His relationship with the father was the most important. When He was most lonely and confused, he prayed to the Father.

6. When you are lonely and confused who is the first person you go to? Why do you choose that person?

The next part of the Lord's Prayer is "Hallowed be your name". This means that God's name is set apart or revered. God's name is holy. Our prayer is to let God's name be holy in the way we live our lives. We want to let others see God through the way we live.

7. How do others see God through the way you live?

When we come to our father with reverence we can come to him humbly asking Him to make us more like Him. To be an example of his love, mercy and grace unto others

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, we love you. We are grateful for how you love us. Please show us where we have not given you the reverence you deserve. Show us where we have put others above you and focused on things and people above you. Help us grow in our relationship with you and in our prayer communication with you. Teach us how to pray Lord and let us be an example of your loving kindness, grace and mercy.

ACTION STEP

- + Every day this week ask God to show you how to pray.
- + Ask God to use you so others will see Him through you.