

#FamilyDiscipleship

When You Pray – Part 1

During this time that we are unable to meet, our hope is that each family will dive into Pastor Mike's Sunday morning message and Pastor Aaron's Sunday evening Recap with the info below. We honestly feel like this time is going to strengthen the church, by strengthening our families spiritually! Please be intentional about getting this time together and Diving Deeper together.

Ideas for discussion:

- If someone did not know about the Christian faith, and you had to describe prayer to them, how would you do that and what would you say?

WHAT IS PRAYER?

1. Clarity & Petition - a time to address God for direction & to ask for help, answers, repentance, sickness
2. Intercession - we pray for others, specific needs as we stand in the gap
3. Communion - a time of fellowship with our Heavenly Father
4. Worship - we pray to think God and show him adoration in honor

Read Matthew 6:5–8 (paraphrased MSG translation)

- Pray with Simplicity

⁵ “And when you come before God, don’t turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat?

⁶ “Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

⁷⁻¹³ “The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They’re full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don’t fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply.

- If we don’t want to be like the hypocrites, what must be different as we pray?
 - The posture of our heart is critical. It still comes down to the intent of the heart.

TRUST HIS PROMISES

- Pastor Aaron spoke about the song Yes and Amen. There’s a line that says “I will rest in your promises, my confidence is your faithfulness.”
- If we would declare this over our family, How can that belief change & redefine our families prayer life?
- Tough question: If Truth be known, are you more confident in yourself or in the Lord? Let’s die to ourselves more today!
 - “He must increase, and we must decrease.” John 3:30
- As we close, look up the song Yes & Amen – Pat Barrett @ Bethel on Youtube, play it and worship together. Is our Confidence really in God’s Faithfulness? <https://youtu.be/kkHo70DeiMM>

Love and Miss you guys!