

MY STORY:

- 1) How did you learn to pray? What role has prayer played in your spiritual life over the years?
- 2) What tools, guides, or formulas have you used over time to help you in your prayer life?

QUICK REVIEW:

This week we continue with our series Learning From Jesus, a look at the Sermon on the Mount. This is probably the most famous teaching section by Jesus found in Scripture, providing his disciples a contrasting framework for viewing their lives with each other and God than was popularly held. Was there anything from this week's sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How would you summarize the main ideas of this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 6:9-10.

- 1) What is the purpose of this prayer? How is it typically used today? Why?
- 2) What things does Jesus put at the beginning of this model prayer? What does "hallowed be your name" mean?
- 3) What is he telling them to pray for in verse 10? Explain what that means.
- 4) How does praying for His will to be done on the earth compare with much that we pray for? Elaborate.

Read Matthew 6:11-15.

5) What does "daily bread" equate to today? What does this mean?

- 6) Why is the forgiveness of our debts/trespasses/sins tied to us forgiving those in others? Elaborate.
- 7) Why is it so hard for us to forgive others?
- 8) What does "do not lead us into temptation" mean? Does God tempt us?
- 9) How is this prayer similar to and different than many of our prayers?

TAKING IT HOME:

- 1) Are there ways you can focus more on his "kingdom come, will be done" than on yours this week?
- 2) Is there anyone in your life you are withholding forgiveness from or struggling to forgive? How can you begin to resolve that this week?

Prayer Requests:

