

COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

1. How have these two messages on the Lord's Prayer helped you in your prayer life?
2. Do you have a prayer list you use in your prayer time? Do you have a structure to your prayer time? What is it like? If you do not have a structure, will you make the structure of the Lord's Prayer (Praying through the 6 Principles) your practice this week?

Jesus' model or outline for prayer consists of 6 Principles:

Personal – *Our relationship to the Father.*

Praise – *Hallowed be your name.*

Priorities – *Surrender to the Fathers...*

Provision – *Give us today our daily bread*

Pardon – *Forgive us our debts...*

Protection – *Deliver us from the Evil One.*

3. Talk about the statement: 'Give us today our daily bread' (Mt. 6:11). What did Jesus mean by this prayer? How do the following passages relate to praying for our needs (Mt. 6:25-35; 7:7-9; Lk. 11:5-13; 18:1-8; Phil. 4:6-8)? What needs do we have that need to be prayed for?
4. Talk about the statement: 'Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors' (Mt. 6:12). How does Matthew 6:14-15 tie in with this prayer? Will we not be forgiven if we do not forgive?
5. Are you easily 'offended'? How do the following passages in Proverbs relate to this issue of 'offense' and 'forgiveness' (Prov. 10:12; 12:16; 17:9; 19:11)? At what point do you just decide to overlook an offense and when do you address it?
6. Talk about the statement: 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one' (Mt. 6:13). How does this prayer relate to Mt. 4:1-11 and James 1:2-15? **A HINT:** As you seek to answer this question, think about the difference between 'testing' (trials) and 'temptation' and what comes first. Also note that the word for testing and temptation are the same in Greek.