

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Foundational Scripture: Matthew 6:9

Featured Scripture Reflection: “Pray in this way: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name.’”
(Matthew 6:9 NRSV) (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+6:9)

Opening Icebreaker: What is one good characteristic of your father?

Scripture Questions

What is the scripture saying?

- What are some implications of Jesus’ use of the word “Father” do address God? He could have used many more aloof names, but chose “Father”.
- Jesus used the familiar family term, “Abba” to address God. (Kind of like Daddy/Mommy) What implications can you think of for Jesus’ use of this term?
- In the larger context of the Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew’s Gospel chapters 5-7, Jesus is urging his disciples to a counter-cultural lifestyle. How does Jesus beginning prayer follow in this tradition?
- Jesus teaches this prayer in the midst of his community, not individually. What does Jesus action mean to us today?

How is your life touched?

- When you think of God as “Father” what comes to your mind?
- Can you imagine persons who might be turned off by addressing God as “Father”?
- What are some negative pictures of God that are rejected by Jesus when Jesus addressed God as His Father?

What is God’s invitation to you?

- Jesus invites you to pray in community and individually following the phrases and form of His prayer. What one thing can you do this week that will help improve your prayer life? How can your Lifegroup help you?

What can you pray for?

Pray that Chilson Hills will be a joyous, faithful, praying community of God’s incredible resurrection power celebrating Jesus Christ’s transforming hope and love in order to change our world for the better!