

THE DISCIPLE'S PRAYER

MATTHEW 6:9-10

First, *Thy* name, *Thy* kingdom, *Thy* will; then, give *us*, forgive *us*, lead *us*, deliver *us*. The lesson is of more importance than we think. In true worship the Father must be first, must be all.

-Andrew Murray

I. The Audience of Prayer

II. The Anticipation of Prayer

Small Group Application Questions

Getting to Know You

1. What are you looking forward to most about heaven (apart from seeing Jesus)?

Into the Bible

2. Why is the name of God such an important thing that a specific commandment is tied to it (Exodus 20:7)? Why should we pray about it?

3. Jesus has already indicated in chapters 4 & 5 that with his ministry the Kingdom of God has arrived. Why should we continue to pray for its arrival?

Application

4. James 4:13-15 tells us to be hesitant about saying we will do things unless we make them contingent on God's will. How do we know when we are doing God's will, rather than acting in our own will? Read James 1:5 and Romans 12:1-2.

For Families

5. Talk with your children about the importance of God being our Father.