

"Secure Network Available" Week of 10/20/2013

The Point: Prayer Communicates Our Dependence

Matthew 6:10-11

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DISCUSSION GENERATORS

- •Read Matthew 6:10-11. What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- The first part of verse 10 is where Jesus says, "May Your kingdom come." What do you think Jesus implies here about God the Father?
- In what way do you like to be in control? Does anyone want to share an experience where you felt like you weren't in control when you wanted to be in control?
- •What does it mean to you when you hear someone say that God is in control? Why do you think it is hard for us to trust that God is truly in control?
- If God is in control, why do you think bad things happen to people? Can anyone share a story of someone who is holding a grudge against God for something that happened to them or someone they loved? (Please don't share names) How do we approach something like that without turning people even further from God?
- The second part of verse 10 is, "may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." How do you view God's will? **Read Mark 14:36**. In relation to understanding God's will, what stands out to you about this verse in the way that Jesus is praying?

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- Verse 11 is "Give us today our daily bread." Do you find yourself thinking more about your "weekly bread" or "monthly bread" more so than one day at a time? Why do you think that is? **Read Matthew 6:25-34.** If we could find a way to live with this mindset, do you think life would be any different? How, if so? How do you think God feels when we don't live with this mindset?
- Watch this short clip from the Emperor's New Groove:

 http://tinyurl.com/MC3Wireless3. During the point we heard about six villains or "shoulder devils" (as I like to refer to them as). They were: The Scheduler, The Security Guard, The Bankroller, The Manipulator, The Dominator, and The Runner. Which one of these six "shoulder devils" pesters you the most?
- ·How can these "shoulder devils" hinder our relationship/ dependence on God? How do you think the voice of our culture impacts that and what do we do about it? How can we impact the next generation (a.k.a. our children) by what we choose to do in regards to this?

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

This week take time to plan a guys outing and a gals outing for your group. It doesn't need to be right away. Set a goal to accomplish this before Thanksgiving when the holiday season starts, and we all get crazy busy. This is meant to be a time for you all to build stronger relationships with one another in your group and find ways to better support one another in your relationship with God.

I will be looking forward to hearing about these outings in both our November 10th and December 8th Prime Group Leaders Meetings.

BIBLE PASSAGES

Matthew 6:10-11 (NET)

may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread,

Mark 14:36 (NET)

He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Take this cup away from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Matthew 6:25-34 (CEV)

He I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing? Look at the birds in the sky! They don't plant or harvest. They don't even store grain in barns. Yet your Father in heaven takes care of them. Aren't you worth much more than birds? Can worry make you live longer? Why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow. They don't work hard to make their clothes. But I tell you that Solomon with all his wealth wasn't as well clothed as one of them. God gives such beauty to everything that grows in the fields, even though it is here today and thrown into a fire tomorrow. God will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith? Don't worry and ask yourselves, "Will we have anything to eat? Will we have anything to drink? Will we have any clothes to wear?" Only people who don't know God are always worrying about such things. Your Father in heaven knows you need all of these. But more than anything else, put God's work first and do

what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well. Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today.



