

Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 16th Oct 2022



Week 4 – Whoever We Are Matthew 6:5-14

Preparation

- 1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: 16 10 2022: Frontline Sundays Whoever We are: Matthew 6:5-14 Service Includes Communion YouTube
- 2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

Group Study

• Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

Reading:

Matthew 6:5-14 New International Version - UK

Prayer

⁵ 'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. ⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

- ⁹ 'This, then, is how you should pray:
- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
- ¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
- ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.
- ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."
- ¹⁴ For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

New International Version - UK (NIVUK)

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Sermon Reminder:

The sermon reflected on the Lord's prayer. The Lord's Prayer can be so familiar that we skate through it without stopping to think about what we are praying, and even less about what it means for us as God's people caught up in what he's doing in the world. The wonder of the prayer is that it starts with an assurance of our identity. And that makes all the difference in the world.

Explore and Discuss

Go through each part of the Lord's Prayer. Take 10 minutes on each section, then Watch Film 4 – Whoever we are (licc.org.uk/frontlinesundays) and take some time to pray. Don't feel the need to answer every question. Be guided by what you know about your group.

Explore the Lord's Prayer

1- Our Father in heaven

- What does it mean for you that you are a son or daughter of your heavenly Father?
- How easy or difficult is it for you to trust God as your heavenly Father? Why is that?
- Are there times in your life when it's made a great difference to know God as your heavenly Father?

2- Hallowed be your name

- When we become Christians, we can act as though we've enlisted God for our lives, for our concerns and causes. However, when we begin to pray the Lord's Prayer, we're reminded that what's actually happened is that God, through Jesus, has drawn us into his family business. Do you agree with this statement? To what extent? Why?
- In what ways do you think that your life on your frontline matters in God's purposes?
- Can you think of something that happened this week in your life on the frontline that you think delighted God?

3- Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

 What could be some of God's kingdom purposes on your frontline? How would you turn this into a prayer?

4- Give us today our daily bread

- What needs do you have on your frontline that keep you dependent on God?
- How easy or difficult is it to depend on God in this way? Why is that?

5- Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors

- Think about your relationships on your frontline. Is there someone to forgive?
- Is there someone to ask forgiveness of?
- Think about your relationship with God. Take a moment in silence to talk to God about anything
 you regret and repent of. Ask for his forgiveness.

6- And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

- Think about one pressure point and one kingdom purpose on your frontline.
- How are you tempted not to trust your heavenly Father for these things?
- What protection do you need from God in these situations?

Close in prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
Amen