



**Sermon on the Mount: The Lord's Prayer**

**Sunday, February 28th, 2016**

The Sermon on the Mount serves as the marriage of two values. The best life happens when both our outer lives and inner lives are closely tied to Jesus words.

*Describe your prayer life? How has it changed over your life? What is hard or easy about praying for you? When have you felt that prayer made a real difference?*

Read **Matthew 6:9-15** and **Romans 8:14-17** together as a group.

*Why do you think Jesus begin with the words "Our Father" to begin this prayer?*

*Why is the acknowledgement of this relationship with "Our Father" so essential?*

This idea of fatherhood is important. Our belief in who we are relying on gives us confidence in the requests we make. **This father has access to everything we need.**

*Why is seeing God as Father hard for some people? Has it been difficult for you?*

**Read through the Lord's Prayer again**, and identify the specific requests Jesus instructs us to pray through. {This is important to establish, as we will be coming back to use it in prayer.}

*What could be the significance of the "**daily**" bread as opposed to just bread?*

*Why is it hard for us to **forgive** those that have hurt us the most deeply?*

*How does Jesus choose to remind us that we live in a world antagonistic towards God's Kingdom and against our own spiritual development?*

**Group Leader Note:** *Using the specific requests you discovered above to pray through the Lord's Prayer as a group. Make the effort as a group leader, to pray the Lord's Prayer over the specific needs of those in your group. Adam gave a great example of this at the end of the message this week, listen to it online if you need the reminder.*