



DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

SUNDAY 30TH APRIL 2023

Topic: Discipleship Essentials "Prayer"
Matt 6:5-13

- Prayer is the lifeblood of discipleship (v6)
- But we can easily get it wrong (v5, 7-8)
- Our prayer needs to be directed to God with absolute trust (v9)
- Not what we want but what is right (v10)
- God loves authentic conversations (v11-13)



THE DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE 2023

GROWING & GOING





We all know the importance of prayer. Why is essential to the life of a disciple? Why is it often a struggle to invest in it as we should?

Prayer is not the only thing we can do, but it is the first thing we should do. Is this true for you?

It is not just that we pray, but we must pray in a way that honours God. From the bible passage, identify and share what makes our prayers pleasing to God. What doesn't? Praying with wrong motives is a temptation we all face. How do you overcome praying selfishly or as a sense of duty?

"Hallowed be your name" How does this one phrase shape our prayers? Why does this create a sense of trust in God when we pray? Do you generally come to prayer with this attitude? What can we do practically to keep this truth prominent in our prayer life?

It is so hard to pray, "Thy will be done" Why is prayer more for our benefit than informing God of our needs? "Your kingdom come" should be the essence of our prayer life. What, then, would we pray for?

God wants an honest and real conversation. Read v11-13. What are some of the important aspects of this type of prayer? Can we grow and go as His disciples without an effective and well-directed prayer life?