

Personal/Group Training Guide
Week of 3/3/19

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“Our Father”

- (1) Has the Lord’s Prayer been a part of your past prayer life? How have you most often implemented the Lord’s Prayer – (1) as a guide to follow in your prayers, (2) a prayer that you have recited personally or in a group?
- (2) Jesus instructs the disciples to pray in this manner or “like this” in Matthew 6. Why do you think he says to begin with “Our Father”? What is the significance in this? What is important about us remembering our “sonship” to God when we pray?
- (3) What gives us the right to call God our Father? Read John 1:11-13 and discuss.
- (4) Do you find any significance in praying “Our” Father? What does this mean to you in relation to God and others? Who is “our” referring to?
- (5) What do you think of when you hear or pray to God as Father? How might someone’s view of God as Father be a negative thing? What might cause someone to experience negative feelings about God as Father?
- (6) Read Luke 15:11-32. How would you describe the father in this parable? How might knowing that God is the father in this story affect one’s view of God?
- (7) This is often referred to as the story of the Good Samaritan. Some say that it should be called the story of the merciful father. Share your thoughts on that. What other words would you use to describe the father?
- (8) “Our Father who art in heaven.” Discuss the “in heaven” concept in the prayer. Why do you think Jesus wants us to remember this/pray this? How does this help to separate characteristics of God versus those of our earthly fathers?
- (9) “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.” If you were to pray this in your own words, what adjectives would you use to describe God? What is the point Jesus is making by telling that this is how to start a prayer?