

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applying this message to everyday life

1. Why is a dynamic prayer life so difficult for most people to sustain? Explain the ups and downs you have experienced related to prayer.
2. Do you think Jesus intended for this prayer to be memorized and prayed verbatim, or for us to pray the principles contained within, or both? Explain your reasoning.
3. How do you think the apostles applied Jesus' teaching on prayer to their own prayer life? How can you apply it to your prayer life?
4. Spend time together praying through the Lord's Prayer; expanding it with you own words. Have one person pray the introduction and seven others each pray one of the seven petitions.

*Prayer Matters*  
*#584 – Break Through Prayer*  
*Matthew 6:9-13*

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### Break Through Prayer

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1

#### Understanding the Command

We must \_\_\_\_\_ old habits and take up the proper attitude toward prayer.

"No one has any more time than you have. It is the discipline and stewardship of your time that is important. The management of \_\_\_\_\_ is the management of \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, if you manage time with God, He will begin to manage you." Jill Briscoe

**Introduction:** This, then, is how you should pray: "Our \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven,

**Petition 1:** \_\_\_\_\_ be your name,

**Petition 2:** your \_\_\_\_\_ come,

**Petition 3:** your \_\_\_\_\_ be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

**Petition 4:** Give us today our daily \_\_\_\_\_.

**Petition 5:** And forgive us our \_\_\_\_\_, as we also have forgiven our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Petition 6:** And lead us not into \_\_\_\_\_,

**Petition 7:** but \_\_\_\_\_ us from the evil one."

"What it means to be a \_\_\_\_\_ is nowhere clearer than here." J.I. Packer

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. Briefly share how you spent your Christmas Day?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Have you made any New Year's resolutions that you would be willing to share with the group?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. What do you like the best about Life Groups? Or, what do you hope to receive from being committed to a Life Group this quarter?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

### Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. Read David's prayer as recorded in 1 Chronicles 29:10-13. What similarities do you find between his prayer and the Lord's prayer?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Read Psalm 111. In what ways does this psalm illustrate the idea of God's name being hallowed?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. As best you can, explain the apparent contradiction of how we are to ask our Father to not lead us into temptation with what James teaches us regarding temptation in James 1:13-15.