

TEACH US TO PRAY

INTRO

If you were to buy something extravagant, what would it be?

What do you like best about summer?

What fun activities do you like to do with friends?

READ

Matthew 6:9-13, Proverbs 30:7-9, Ephesians 3:14-19, 2 Corinthians 7:5-7

Give us this day our daily bread

REFLECT

The parts of the Lord's prayer build upon one another.

Question: if we feel the love of the Father, our hearts being full of adoration, have no other desire in life but to extend his kingdom and are totally submitted to His will, what will we ask for?

Here are three:

1. Provision – our needs

Qu: What is your definition of the basic needs of life?

Poverty (resent God) ↔ Riches (forget God)

Qu: How can we guard against materialism?

Martin Luther noted that since we are asking for "our" daily bread, we are also asking God for a thriving economy and just society.

2. Power – strength to do his will

When a person is following Christ and living a life focused on extending God's kingdom, opposition will arise.

Pt 6: PETITION

Qu: What kind of opposition do you face as you follow Christ in a society that is post-Christian?

3. People – so I don't have to do life alone

Even the Apostle Paul needed encouragement from friends. Yes, God is our ultimate source of encouragement, but He uses people, too. We all need other believers in our life that pour into us. Sometimes just being together is all it takes.

Qu: Do you have other believers in your life that you are close to and who bring encouragement to you?

Qu: Do you prioritize your time so that you are with these people on a regular basis?

RESPOND

Qu: What prayer practices are you trying to implement from this series?

PRAY

- Pray for our city so that all can have their basic needs met
- Pray for the lonely of the city and those who have no good friends
- Pray for one another for any needs in our lives or challenges we may be facing