



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 5th, 2023

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Prayer connects us to God and His power.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. What are some ways to communicate with God?
2. Did your family have any prayers that you often said together at dinner or bedtime?

Transition / Open in prayer:

3. As a child, where did you find safety when a storm was coming?

Life Examination:

READ Isaiah 25:1-9

4. Why is the destruction of the city in verse 2 a reason for exalting and praising God? What did a fortified city symbolize for people in Isaiah's culture?
5. How is God's relationship to the "poor" and "needy" pictured in the verses?
6. What is the symbolism and meaning of the mountain and the feast in verses 6 and 7?
7. What did salvation mean to the people of God (vs. 9)?

READ Matthew 6:5-15

8. What is important to Jesus when it comes to prayer?
9. Can you identify three or four themes in the prayer of Jesus?
10. What is the kingdom that Jesus invites into our world in verse 10?
11. Why is forgiveness in this passage conditional on our ability to forgive others?

Life Application:

12. How does prayer help us remember that God is our shelter and safe place in the storms of life?
13. So may say that "thoughts and prayers" are not enough or not needed. What are some reasons prayer seems shallow or weak to our current culture?
14. Why do we pray out loud, in groups, when Jesus said to go to your room and close the door?
15. What kinds of prayer are most helpful to you? What kinds of prayer are difficult for you?
16. What can you do when you feel disconnected from God?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another.