

GO DEEPER

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Reflect on your own relationship to the Lord's Prayer:

Did you grow up learning/saying the Lord's Prayer? Describe the context and how it was taught and practiced.

Do you actively/regularly use the Lord's Prayer now? Why/why not?

How do you feel towards the Lord's Prayer?

What emotions are attached to it?

Are they a help, or a hinderance?

Do you ever struggle with saying the Lord's Prayer? Why/why not?

Read Matthew 6:9-13 and consider the following questions:

Our Father who art in heaven . . .

How does the word "Father" encourage us to pray?

What does the word "our" impress upon us when we pray?

What do the words "art in heaven" teach us about God?

Is there dynamic tension between the ideas of God as Father and God as the Heavenly One? How so? What does it look like to live into this?

Hallowed be thy name . . .

What does it mean for something or someone to be holy?

What is the connection between this line and the 2nd Commandment?

What are we asking for when we pray this?

How can God's name be made more, or less, holy?

How can we profane God's name?

How can we hallow (make holy) his name?

How is this petition ultimately a request for God himself to act?

How does Jesus restore God's name among the nations?

Plan how you will incorporate the Lord's Prayer into your daily life this week. When will you pray it? How often? In what format? Who will help encourage you and hold you accountable in this?

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