

Sermon Discussion Questions: Lord, Teach Me – 1.10.2021



Connect: (5-10 min) If a space alien showed up during your prayer time, how would you explain prayer to them?

Daily Devotions: (15-25 min) Look over last week's SOAP. Which day of SOAP Bible reading stood out to you? What did you see was interesting? How did the readings connect with what is happening in your life?

Keep the Conversation Going: (20-25 min)

What stuck out to you or stuck with you from this week's sermon?

Read Matthew 6:5-6; Acts 4:31, 12:12

How can followers of Jesus apply what he says in Matthew without eliminating praying together?

Read Matthew 6:7-8; Luke 11:5-13

What is the difference between what is commanded in Matthew, and what is encouraged in Luke?

When might God want you to let up on praying for something? Increase your prayers for something?

What is God teaching you that you can apply to your prayer time?

Read Matthew 6:9-10

What does building your own kingdom look like compared to asking God for the kingdom to come?

How does God teach us to align our will with his? How can we work with God in having his will done in our little place on earth (home, work, school, neighborhood, community)?

Read Matthew 6:11

If in a group, assign one word of this verse to each person. After 1 minute of reflection, have them share the significance they see of that word in this verse. If alone, reflect on each word as long as you feel and jot down your thoughts.

Read Matthew 6:12-15

How do these verses align with the idea that forgiveness releases others and yourself to benefit the present and future? How have you experienced the power of forgiveness from others and your forgiveness of others in your life?

Mirror: (10 min) Take an honest look. How are you at recognizing the presence of God in your life?

Take Away: (5-10 min) What is the Lord teaching you today making you more like him?

Share and Listen: (5-10 min). God speaks to his people through his people. If something catches your attention, sticks in your mind, or strikes you, please share it. It could be for someone else. This is a double-edged sword. If someone is sharing, please listen. It could be God speaking to you.

Close in prayer:

1. Start with Lord, Teach Me. Confess to God that we are more focused on building our kingdoms rather than His.
2. Ask God to help you to honor his person, recognize his presence, rely on his provision, and experience the power of his forgiveness in your lives.
3. Consider closing your prayer by reading the Message or the Contemporary English Version (readily available online).