



Jesus' gospel is not just the offer of salvation, but the declaration of sovereignty. This is the clear message of his Sermon on the Mount. It is a call to find the truly blessed life by taking a narrow path most won't choose—the way of King Jesus.

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 Did anyone teach you to pray? How much was by example, and how much was by instruction? Are there times and places where prayer is most natural or expected for you?

2 Read **Matthew 6:9-15**. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." Jesus teaches his disciples to begin their prayers to God with this: **acknowledge His greatness**. What do the first lines of this prayer tell us about God?

3 "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." After acknowledging God's greatness, we **invite his rule**. How do these words affect the world around us? How do they affect you? What posture do we need to pray these words sincerely?

4 In the second half of the prayer, you **surrender your life** - physical, relational, and spiritual. Jesus has already said that God knows what we need before we ask. So why does he want us to ask? What happens to us when we pray these words?

5 Read **Matthew 6:14-15**. Jesus raises our awareness about the importance of our forgiveness. How seriously do you take His words here? How do you reconcile them with the Bible's teaching about grace as a free gift? Why is it so important that we forgive others?

6 Finish by praying the Lord's Prayer together, perhaps by having multiple translations and paraphrases of the prayer read by members of the group.

