

Message Summary: *Happy Father's Day.* My Mother used the line, "Go talk to your Father", whenever I'd ask her for something she wasn't sure I should have. Jesus told us the same thing in so many words, but in an entirely different way. He wanted His followers to know they could go directly to God because He was not only His Father, but He was also their Father in Heaven! Today is Father's Day, lets enjoy learning how to talk to our Father the way Jesus instructed.

Go Talk to Your Father

Matthew 6:9-13

A Look At The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV)

1. **ADORATION** – "Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name" (v.9)
 - A. We need to transfer our trust from a situation to the Lord.

2. **COOPERATION** – "Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." (v.10)
 - A. Prayer is designed to get us to cooperate with the Lord.

3. **PETITION** – "Give us this day our daily bread" (v.11)
 - A. It's alright. Ask God for all your needs.

4. **CONFESSION** – "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (v.12)
 - A. Forgiveness and communion with God is maintained on a daily basis through confession and prayer.

5. **PROTECTION** – "And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." (v.13)
 - A. When God sees us heading in a wrong way, then lead us away from temptation and deliver us.

6. **VICTORY** – "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." (v.13)
 - A. Finally, Lord, You're already victorious. I'm learning to take Your victory and apply it to my life.

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

OPEN IT (10mn) – What role did prayer play in your family's life when you were growing up?

EXPLORE IT (60mn) – After reading Matthew 6:9-13 review Sunday's sermon outline together and any notes people have about the message.

1. What should be our attitude toward God when we pray?
2. In v.10 what should be our attitude toward God's kingdom and will?
3. In v.11 what should be our attitude toward life's necessities?
4. If God knows what we need before we ask, why should we pray?
5. In v.12 what should be our attitude toward those who have wronged us?
6. How can this prayer help you see both the similarities and the differences between your earthly dad and your heavenly Father?

APPLY IT (15mn) - Discuss how to use these prayer points. Keep it within your Bible in order to remind you how to pray each day