



Today we reached the Lord's prayer in Luke's gospel (11v1-4).

We noted that praying this prayer is

- a) **revolutionary** - its an exclusive prayer that recognises both how BIG God is and how SMALL we are
- b) **relational** - last week we considered how service goes wrong when we stop listening to Jesus. This week it's the importance of us speaking to him.
- c) **real** - this is not simply some words to study, but rather a prayer that is to be prayed, and is to shape us.

v2 Our Father who Governs and

v3-4 Our Father who Gives

Here are some questions to help your group engage.

There are too many questions here, so consider what will be most useful for your group.

Do you find it easy to pray? Why / why not? When do you find it easier? When harder?

Why is it good news that Jesus calls us to pray to Father?

(You might want to sensitively ask whether this concept of God as Father is difficult for any individuals within the group)

Why does the *structure* of this prayer matter so much? (Note the initial half looking up *vertically* – YOUR is the focus, and then second half looking around *horizontally* US and OUR needs)

What does Jesus mean when he talks about Gods name? What does it mean that his name is hallowed? Why do you think Jesus starts his prayer like this?

What does it mean to pray for his Kingdom to come? What might that look like in your week?

What is the outworking of lives transformed by the kingdom?

Provision: Why do we struggle to pray for daily bread? What does it mean?

Pardon: What part does forgiveness pray within the Christian family?

Protection: Why does temptation matter so much? See Luke chapter 4

How can we help each other to be increasingly shaped by the Lord's Prayer as we consider prayer, life and the Lord's priorities?