

Session One

“Our Father in Heaven”

Trip Lee

1. Trip Lee said, “If applause is what you really want, then that’s all you’ll ever get.” What are some good things in your life that you’ve tried to take credit for when in reality those good things are all from God?
2. Matthew 6:6 encourages us to pray in secret so that we might receive a reward rather than praying for the recognition of others. (1) Have you ever thought about getting alone with God to pray so that you might receive a reward? (2) What are practical steps you can take to pray more?
3. Trip Lee said, “Prayer is not us informing God but rather casting our cares on Him.” How can this reality encourage your prayer life?
4. How does Jesus give Christians freedom to pray imperfectly?

“Hallowed Be Your Name”

John Piper

5. John Piper pointed out that the Lord’s prayer is made up of petitions, not exclamations. How can that change the way we approach the Lord’s Prayer?
6. What does it mean to ask God to “Hallow” His name? What other words did John Piper use to replace or illuminate “hallow”?
7. The first commandment Jesus gives is to love God (Matt. 22:37-38) and the first line in the Lord’s prayer is that God’s name would be hallowed. How are these connected?

8. John Piper argued that while there really are two groups of three petitions in the Lord’s prayer, nevertheless he made the case that all five other petitions serve the first one. It is in a class by itself, he said. What is unique about that act of hallowing that puts this request in a class by itself?
9. Jesus pursued the hallowing of God’s name ultimately through suffering. How did Jesus’ suffering in the place of sinners make much of God?
10. John Piper argued that the pandemic is a time of affliction that need not hinder the cause of missions. What ways might this season of suffering actually advance God’s purposes in global evangelization?

Personal Meditations

1. Would you be content doing good things for Jesus if no one else knew that you were doing them? And if not, who are you really serving?
2. Trip Lee said that one way to fight hypocrisy is to confess sin. Do you regularly confess your sin both to God and to other people? If not, why?
3. “Hallowed be your name” is the only petition in the Lord’s prayer that calls for an explicit response of the heart. In other words, we are commanded to ask God to change us so that our lives would be consumed with making much of God. Ask now that God would do this in your life; that you would prioritize God’s glory above everything.

**“Let the nations be glad
and sing for joy, for you
judge the peoples with
equity and guide the
nations upon earth.”**

Psalm 67:4

Session Two

“Your Kingdom Come, Your Will Be Done”

Kevin DeYoung

1. When we ask for “Christ’s Kingdom to come,” what are we asking for?
2. Kevin DeYoung talked about how Christ’s kingdom is carried out through the church. Why is it critical for local churches to be central in missions?
3. How does this prayer for “Christ’s Kingdom to come and His will to be done” strengthen our faith?

“Forgive Us Our Debts”

Wayne Chen

4. It is common in our day to use words like “mistakes”, “struggles,” or “issues” instead of “sin.” How can that confuse the need for forgiveness that comes through the gospel?
5. Wayne Chen said, “When we ask God for daily bread, we are asking God to supernaturally help us to trust in His grace for tomorrow.” What are some ways we grow in having a deep, unshakeable trust in God to provide all that we need?
6. Wayne Chen cited Matthew 10:28 (“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”) and encouraged us to prioritize gospel proclamation over merely doing mercy ministries. Does this sound like you’re loving your neighbor?
7. Wayne Chen encouraged those interested in taking “the next step of obedience” to “throw themselves at their local church.” What are some ways that you can serve and grow through your local church?

Personal Meditations

1. In order to be a part of Christ’s Kingdom, it requires that you know, follow, and submit to Christ as the King. Have you done that with your life? If not, talk to a Christian friend or mentor about what is holding you back.
2. Wayne Chen challenged us to take a step of obedience either as a “sender” or as a “goer” rather than simply hearing biblical truth. Is there a step you need to take? And consider how your local church can help you through this process.
3. So far today, we’ve heard a lot about the importance of gospel proclamation. How involved are you in proclaiming the gospel to your friends, family, and co-workers? If you are a Christian and you’re not sharing the gospel with others, now is the time to start. Think of one or two people this week that you can share the gospel with.

**“Have mercy on me,
O God, according to
your steadfast love;
according to your
abundant mercy
blot out my
transgressions.”**

Psalm 51:1

Session Three

“Lead Us Not Into Temptation”

David Platt

1. From David Platt’s talk, why is it critical for Christians to pray, “Lead us not into temptation?”
2. Over the last two days we’ve been reminded that the best thing we can do with our lives is spend them making Jesus’ name known in every corner of the world. But we also know that in the coming days we will face many temptations. What are some of those temptations and how can we aim to stay focused on what matters most?
3. The message of Christianity is that we all are sinners (we all will fall into temptation) and that’s exactly why we need a Savior. How can we both strive to fight temptations while at the same time not relying on our works for salvation? (Or another way to ask: what is it that motivates you to fight temptation?)
4. As you consider your role in God’s plan for saving the nations, where do you think you fit in? (sender?, goer?, unsure?)

Personal Meditations

1. Are there sins or even simply distractions in your life that have kept you from leveraging your life for what matters most — the hallowing of God’s name among the nations? Take some time to confess these to the Lord and to a trusted Christian friend or mentor.
2. We have new life in Christ only because Jesus never gave into temptation. He lived the perfect life we couldn’t, he died in our place for our sins, and rose again defeating death so that through believing in him, we may have eternal life. Take some time to dwell on Christ’s perfect life and thank him for never giving into temptation.
3. Ask God to guide and direct the next steps that you should take — either as a “sender” or “goer.” Pray that God would make you faithful to obey Him wherever he calls you.

“Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!”

Psalm 96:2–3