

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

OUR FATHER...HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME
Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:9

Main Thought: We can strengthen our prayer lives by utilizing the components found in the Lord's Prayer.

1. OUR _____
 - 1) _____ God _____
 - 2) "Our Father" is defined by Jesus in the parable of the _____. (Luke 15:11-32)
 - 3) What does it _____ for God to _____ our Father?
 - (1) A father gives _____ to his children.
 - (2) A father _____ his children.
 - (3) A father _____ his children.
 - (4) A father _____ for his children.
 - (5) A father _____ his children.
2. WHO ART IN _____
3. _____ BE YOUR NAME
 - 1) "May your name be _____ (treated as) _____."
 - 2) God's name can be _____ by His people. (Ezek. 36:16-23)
 - 3) Because God is holy, His people _____ be holy. (Isaiah 6:1-10)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Luke 11:2; Matthew 6:9; Romans 8:15-17; Galatians 4:6-7.

2. By what name are we instructed to address God in prayer? How are we enabled to address God in this way?

3. Some people have trouble addressing God as “Father” because they think of an earthly father. What things does an earthly father do that are good? What things can an earthly father do that would be harmful to a child?

4. How does Jesus define the fatherhood of God in Luke 15:11-32? What are the sorts of things that our Father in Heaven wants to do for His children? How do we know that God as our Father will never treat us in an unjust fashion?

5. Some people don't like the idea of addressing God as “Father.” What might we lose if we do away with calling God our Father?

6. Why is “who art in heaven” an important qualifier to the notion of God as our Father? What does it say about His character and nature?

7. How have you experienced God's fatherly love, protection, and provision?

8. What does it mean to “hallow” God's name?

9. What are some of the ways God's name is abused and misused by unbelievers and believers? (See Ezek. 36:16-23)

10. Why would God be concerned about His name being treated as holy? (Ex. 3:13-14) How does God make His name holy? (Ezek. 20:41-42; 36:21-23)

11. What is the connection between the holiness of God and the holiness of His people? (See Isaiah 6:1-8; 2 Cor. 5:21)

12. How do the Fatherhood of God and the holiness of God go together? (See Jn. 3:16)

13. How will this study of the Fatherhood of God and the holiness of God impact your prayer life?