

TAKEAWAY

The Radical King

Transformation through the story of Jesus

WHEN YOU PRAY

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

INTRODUCTION

On Sunday, Roger Ellis led us through a look at Jesus' famous teaching on prayer in Matthew 6.

DISCUSS

1. How often do you pray
a) alone and b) with others?
2. What do you pray about?
3. Are you satisfied with your prayer life? What causes you to pray more or less?

READ

Matthew 6:5-14

DISCUSS

4. When Jesus begins this section, he mentions prayer but is mainly concerned with hypocritical behaviour - those who pray just to be seen as more spiritually worthy by others. Why is seeing this so important to understanding all that Jesus teaches here?

5. Christians are distinctive in how we pray - other belief systems do not assume the intimacy of speaking to God as 'our father'. Yet we often take this access for granted. How do you address God when you pray? What sort of figure do you see Him as? (Note: many people struggle with the idea of God as father, especially if they have had difficult relationships with earthly fathers).

6. What would you say are the key points of Jesus' prayer, in your own words?

7. Which elements of this prayer are you generally more likely to pray? Less likely to pray? Why do you think this is?

8. Why do you think Jesus says so much about forgiveness in and around His teaching on prayer?

9. This is a 'corporate' prayer; to be prayed by a group. Jesus's assumption is that His people pray together. Yet many of us struggle with praying out loud in a group setting. Why do you think this may be? How can we help one another get past our inhibitions?

PRAY

Pray the words of the Lord's Prayer slowly, together, a few times.

