

Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.

Learning

Knowing God

Key Doctrines

- *God* – The one true God revealed in Scripture eternally exists in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- *Heaven* – The place which God dwells in the fullness of his glory.
- *Adoption* – As those united with Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we are given a new identity as beloved children of God the Father.

Key Observations

- *Read:* Matthew 6:1-18
 - As you read the broader context in which the Lord's Prayer is given what stands out to you? What is Jesus concerned about in this section of teaching and how does this impact the way we understand prayer?

- As you focus in on the Lord's Prayer itself (verses 9-13) what stands out to you about the way God is addressed? How is God addressed and where does he dwell?

- As you focus in on the Lord's Prayer itself (verse 9-13) what stands out to you about the petitions prayed? What is being asked for and what does this say about the human condition?

- *Read:* Mark 14:32-42

- If the Lord's Prayer is Jesus' instruction on prayer, this passage gives us a clear picture of Jesus' practice of prayer. As you read the passage what stands out to you about the way Jesus is talking with God?

- If Jesus has called us to pray to the Father along with him then this prayer is not merely a window into Jesus' prayer life, but a model for our own. What does this passage teach us about honesty in prayer?

Listening

Responding to God

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

Loving

Obeying God

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?
- This week I am committed to praying for _____ about:

Checking Out

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?
- Close by praying the Lord's Prayer together out loud (Matthew 6:9-13).