

Sermon Discussion Questions, March 7, 2010, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
***“The One Prayer You Simply Must Know, Part 2,”* Matthew 6:9-13**

1. How do you feel when someone you love comes to you for help? How do you think God feels when you come to Him? How will this change the way you approach your prayer time this week?

2. Skim Matthew 6:11-13. What is the first request Jesus tell us to make? What did the request in verse 11 mean to the people in the first century? How is this illustrated in John 6:1-13 and Mark 8:1-8? How does remembering God’s faithfulness affect your prayer life?

3. Look at each word closely in verse 11. What does this request mean to us today? What expectations should we have as we pray this way? What practical lessons can we learn from this request? What should be our attitude as God answer’s this request?

4. In verse 12, what is the second request Jesus tells us to make? What are the two types of forgiveness the Bible teaches (Romans 4:7-8 and Ephesians 4:32)? How does John 13:8-10 illustrate this teaching? How should we approach God when we seek and receive His forgiveness? What obligation does v.12 carry with it?

5. Based on verse 13a, what is the third request that we are to make? Read James 1:13, Mark 14:38, Luke 22:40, and I Corinthians 10:13, how might verse 13a be confusing? What is your own specific set of weaknesses for which you need to pray protection?

6. What is the fourth request? Who is the evil one (1 Peter 5:8, John 8:44, Revelation 12:10)? For what should we pray in regard to evil and the evil one? Why would Satan not want you to pray this prayer? How do these verses (John 17:15, I John 4:4, and Ephesians 6:10-11) encourage you?

7. To what do the concluding words of the Lord’s Prayer address? How are the concluding words connected to the beginning words in Matthew 6:9-10? What then is the main idea of the Lord’s prayer?

8. In what specific ways will your prayer life be transformed because of the Lord’s Prayer? What steps will you take in order to personalize your requests this week? How will your prayers bring glory to God and advance His Kingdom?