



DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE

Stand Alone Sermon: Praying with Jesus
January 13 – January 16, 2022

LEADER NOTES

Worship God through Life Together | Group Deepen Night

During this year of worship, we hope to see our disciple groups grow deeper in their knowledge of, and love for God. **Click [HERE](#)** to request an Equipping team member to visit your group. **Available topics** include Apologetics, Interpreting Scripture, World Religions and Understanding the Discipleship Journey Tool.

GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – *Love God by loving #onemore and one another!*

Baptism Classes | After Every Service in January

If you are interested in taking this next step and publicly declaring that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, please join us for a baptism class at your home campus. [Learn more at coe22.com/baptism](http://coe22.com/baptism).

Discover Eleven22 | After Every Service

God created us for community. We invite you to take a next step of faith by joining us for Discover Eleven22 to learn about ways to deepen your relationship with Jesus and get connected to the faith family. Learn more at coe22.com/discover.

New End of Year Giving Statements | coe22.com/give

We respond to the gospel by bringing our first and best because God gave His first and best in Jesus. If you are looking for your end of year generosity statement, or want to learn more about generosity at Eleven22 and how can join your church family in responding to the gospel, please visit coe22.com/give.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: coe22.com/readingplan

Sunday – Proverbs 14:26-27; 19:23

Monday – Psalm 147:10-11

Tuesday – Matthew 11:28-30

Wednesday – Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 149:4

Thursday – Genesis 1:27-28; 2:15-3

Friday – Luke 4:16-21

Saturday – Matthew 6:9-10; 28:16-20

RELATIONAL CONNECT & CHECK-IN:

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE: *(Learn about, encourage and pray for one another.)*

- What part of Eleven22's 2022 focus on worship have you been thinking about this week?
- What did you learn as you read your Bible this week?

Stand Alone – Praying with Jesus

The Point: Prayer is a natural response to the Gospel.

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 6:1-15

Discussion Questions

DISCOVER

Have someone read Matthew 6:1-15

1. **What do Jesus's words teach us about prayer in these verses?** *(Prayer is meant as a first response, not a last resort. Prayer is how we communicate and connect with God, seeking the presence of God. These verses teach us how Jesus wants us to think about prayer.)*
2. **Why did Jesus spend time teaching how NOT to pray before sharing his model on how to pray? Why are these verses relevant today?** *(Self-righteousness prohibits prayer and is a foolish attempt to impress God. Focusing on those listening to us as we pray over focusing on the ONE we're praying to prevents us from connecting with God. Pastor Cam compared praying like a hypocrite, or gentile, to being an imposter.)*
3. **How do you know if you're praying to manipulate God for a blessing or to know God as THE Blessing? When have you found yourself praying like the hypocrites Jesus is warning us about?** *(Jesus says the hypocrite is one who doesn't have passion to know God. They might be "religious" in order to get something, when in actuality the greatest thing we can receive through prayer is MORE God.)*
4. **Why are verses 9-15 the model for prayer?** *(For one Jesus is teaching it, but most importantly it's the posture of deep dependence on our creator over self.)*

DEEPEN

In light of what we have discovered through God's word and discussed above, let's go deeper and discuss how God's word applies to us and our lives.

Have someone read Matthew 6:9-15 and Daniel 9:18

5. **What is the focus of your prayer time? Is it rooted in a sense of dependence or a sense of duty?** *(Answers may vary.)*
6. **How do you prioritize prayer time and what do you do when you are tight on time?** *(Dependence is fueled by grace. Duty is fueled by fear. You will either live in fear or in despair if God's favor is only your duty. God doesn't want you to pray because you fear that He will cut off your allowance, but because you desire to hear from a loving Father.)*

ACTION STEP

A Disciple...Loves All People, Discovers Identity in Jesus, Deepens Relationship with Jesus.

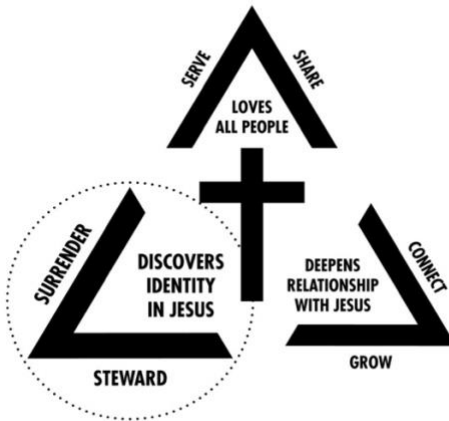
This Week: Pastor Cam shared that it was uncommon to meditate on God as “Our father” when Matthew 6 was written. But the throne of grace is inviting us make prayer a lifestyle, to spend time with “our father,” who loves us!
Take a Next Step: Worship God through your prayer life this week by returning to the Father using Matthew 6:9-15 (the Lord’s Prayer) and Daniel 9:18 as a guide.

- Try reading one verse at a time and reflect on what that verse means.
- Allow each verse to prompt you into a deeper conversation with the Lord using A.C.T.S.:
 - Adoration – Tell God all of the things you adore about Him, who is your God.
 - Confession – Tell God all of the sin in your life.
 - Thanksgiving – Tell God what you are thankful for in your life.
 - Supplication – Pray for your needs, as well as the needs of others (your community, city, state & country).

Additional Resources:

- **Group Prayer Guide:** Go to coe22.com/leaderresources and click “Disciple Your Group”
- **Topical Resources:** Learn more about spiritual disciplines including prayer at coe22.com/resources
- **RightNow Media:** Find Sabbath resources and more by signing up for a FREE RightNow Media account. Go to coe22.com/rightnowmedia or text “RightNow 1122” to 41411

(Note: You'll need to login or create an account in order to view RightNow Media content.)



Go to coe22.com/resources and click “Download Tool” to download or print a discipleship journey tool with questions for you to ask yourself and others. Please share link and directions with others in your group.