

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

**COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.**

## Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

### Message Summary

This week, Adam shared 4 priorities in prayer, which we should all exemplify in our own prayer life. We must see the priority of Honoring God in our prayers, not just using God like some type of genie in a bottle. The second priority is the mindset of the eternal kingdom. We must always keep our eyes focused on the eternal kingdom of God. The third priority we looked at, is the priority of the provision of God. God has provided for us many things including food for the physical, but more importantly, food for the spiritual, His Word. The fourth priority we looked at, is the priority of forgiveness. This priority in prayer keeps us humble in our thoughts and actions. These 4 priorities not only help us to communicate with God, but also changes the way in which we interact with others. Most importantly, the priorities of prayer, focus our thoughts on the things of God, which we are seeking and which only He can give. God does not just hear our words but He also responds to every prayer and is willing to give us the gift of the Holy Spirit, because He is our Good Father.

### Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- What takeaway – if any – did you have from the message this week?
- When you read the Lord's Prayer, do find that you have noticed these 4 priorities that we spoke about on Sunday? Do you constantly honor God, seek His kingdom, acknowledge His provision, and see the necessity of forgiveness in your prayers?
- In any relationship, there must be communication for there to be health. When you pray, what are your prayers like? Is it a simple prayer before the meal, or do you spend specific time letting God speak with you also?
- Read Luke 11:9-13. God often asks us to come to Him, but do you ask, are you seeking, or do you knock? Who would stand outside of a door waiting from someone to let them in, if they had not yet knocked?
- In Psalm 116:1-2, David wrote of How God heard his cries and even inclined His ear to hear him, which led to David calling on God for the rest of His life. Discuss the need for this interaction and relationship with God. Does it allow you to see the true priorities in their place? Are you focused on God's will, during this time with Him?
- In verse 13, Jesus examines our state of being corrupted in the physical flesh, and then references how much more the gift that God gives, is better than anything we could give. Take a moment and share, how God has responded to a prayer in your life.