



Equipping Hour

Prayer

Key Verse: Luke 11:1

“It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.”

Overview

If you were to attend a typical mainline American church today, what elements would you find during the service? The two most basic ones would be music and a message. You would probably hear some announcements and then be encouraged to watch as those on the stage perform their duties. Sadly, this is how many churches conduct their worship service. What this conveys to the people is that this is how we worship God. What is missing from the worship service of these mainline churches is the reading of God’s Word and prayer.

Reading the Bible and prayer go hand-in-hand. If we don’t understand God’s Word and His purpose for our lives revealed in His Word, then we will not know how or what to pray. God wants His church to be a church that is centered on His Word and growing in the knowledge of His Word. However, God also wants His church to be a praying church. How do we pray? Jesus teaches us how to pray in Matthew 6:9-13.

How do we pray?

Matthew 6:9-13

1. The _____ of Our Prayer (v. 9)
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3. The _____ of Our Prayer (v. 9)
4. The _____ of Our Prayer (v. 10)
5. The _____ of Our Prayer. (vs. 11–13)

“Our prayers are to be primarily concerned with the exaltation of the name, kingdom, and will of the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer is primarily worship which inspires thanks and personal purity.” —John MacArthur

Application

1. How important is prayer in your life?
2. What are ways you can grow your prayer life?
3. Spend time praying with one another.