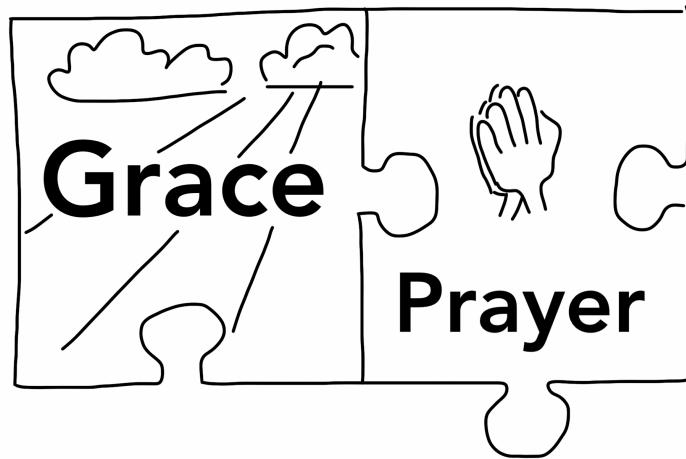


Session Three – Christ Alone

A Guide On What To Worry About.

Let's Remember



How does the truth of session two relate to session one?

Let's Talk

Write a list of the things you might pray for...

Overview Of This Lesson



The Kingdom Prayer

Read Matthew 6:1-15

What stands out to you in these verses?

Let's explore three components of this prayer: the holy name of God (v9), the will of God (v10) and the gifts of God (vv11-13)

God's Name

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name..." Matthew 6:9

The name of God is more than simply a word that He goes by – it is all that the name represents. His name points to his character and his being – much like your name bears with it everything that people know about you. To be *hallowed* is to be greatly revered or honoured.

What does each of these passages tell us about God's name?

Exodus 3:14-15

Exodus 34:5-7

Isaiah 42:8

Malachi 1:11

The Lord (Yahweh) identifies the one true God who is the God of promises, the compassionate and forgiving Lord Almighty. His name will be known and recognized across the globe – that is his promise.

Read Philippians 2:5-11

What does this passage mean?

Do verses 9-11 describe a past, present or future reality?

God's Will

"...your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10

Read Ephesians 1:3-14

Count how many times Paul uses or implies the phrase 'in Christ.' Look for 'in Christ', 'in him', 'through Jesus Christ', etc.

According to this passage, especially verses 9-10, what is the will of God?

What then are we praying for when we ask for God's name to be honoured and his will to be done?

God's Gifts

"Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:11-15

What three things does this prayer suggest God can give us?

1)

2)

3)

Read Matthew 6:19-34

This passage is all about worrying and running after things. What are we told not to worry about or run after?
Matthew 6:19, 25-27, 28-30, 31-32, 34

What are we told instead to worry about and run after?
Matthew 6:20, 33

What is the conclusion?
Matthew 6:21, 24

Picture It!

*"The kingdom of
heaven is like
treasure hidden in a
field. When a man
found it, he hid it
again, and then in his
joy went and sold all
he had and bought
that field." Matthew
13:44*

Describe It!

How can you summarise lesson number 3 in your own words?

Apply It!

Jesus has got a bigger plan for you than you could ever imagine. You may have a 1, 5, or even a 50 year plan all worked out. But Jesus has eternity. The work you need to do in obtaining his riches are nothing more than trusting him - abandon all trust and hope and love of money. The needs of today will quickly be forgotten. The needs of tomorrow will be worked out somehow. But the will of God will be done. Pray for God's will to be done – that Jesus name will be proclaimed in your life.

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"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."

Colossians 3:1-4

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If what we highly cherish belongs to the realm of heaven, our hearts and minds will incline to heaven and all its values; but if what we highly cherish belongs to the realm of earth and the things that pass away, our hearts and minds will incline to those things and pray for them. After all, the Master himself taught us that our hearts will run to where our treasure lies.

For Next Week

Commit these two bible verses to memory!

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 3:5

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Seek first the kingdom of heaven! Matthew 6:33

Listen To A Sermon

Choose the Master Who
Cares

What will keep us turning to
Christ when grace and
forgiveness is so powerful? What
does it mean to put God first
when grace teaches us that
Jesus has done it all?!



Read Something Great



This QR-code points to a PDF version of a chapter of Philip Jensen and Tony Paynes book on discerning God's will: *Guidance and the Voice of God*. It is lighter to read than other books but the message is very helpful. This chapter is about how to make decisions.