**Kingdom Disciples Series September 19, 2021**

*A Disciple Prays*

What is prayer?

* Prayer is **conversation with God**
  + It is meant to be an on-going discussion with God all day long
  + 1Thessalonians 5:17  
    Pray without ceasing.
* Prayer is **passive**
  + Listening for His direction in your life
  + This should come from **reading His Word** and meditating upon it
* Prayer is **active**
  + It is **talking with God**

Prayer is **primarily private** Matthew 6:5-6

* Hypocritical Prayer
  + Prayers that are done solely for show and **appearance**
  + Designed to draw attention to the person praying
* Authentic Payer
  + Private and **bi-directional** conversation
  + It demonstrates the authenticity of the person praying and desire to relate with God
* Genuine prayer is not **repetitious** Matthew 6:7
* Prayer expresses **dependence** Matthew 6:8

The Disciples Prayer Matthew 6:9-13

* Prayer includes **worship**
  + “Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed by Your name”
  + God’s role in our lives is as Father
  + His residence is heaven, though He is omnipresent
  + “Hallowed” means holy, set apart
  + His name alone is Holy which is demonstrates **His nature and character**
* Prayer coordinates with **God’s will**
  + “Your kingdom come, Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven”
  + It is an honest desire for God’s kingdom to be seen, observed, and lived in
  + This removes selfish desires from our prayers and relies upon the will of God to move as He desires
* Prayer is for **provision**
  + “Give us this day our daily bread”
* Our needs are met by God’s provision
* We can approach God for anything / everything that we need
* Prayer for **forgiveness**
  + “Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”
  + To forgive is to remove the guilt resulting from wrongdoing
    - We first seek forgiveness from God for our debts (sins)
    - Because we have been forgiven, we are able to forgive as God has forgiven us
* Prayer for **removal of enticement to sin**
  + “And do not lead us into temptation  
    But deliver us from evil”
  + Asking to God take away tempting situations for which we would be too weak (spiritually) to bear
  + Evil is all around us and no one is immune from its effects
* Prayer for **kingdom recognition**
  + “For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”
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