**Fellowship CommUnity Group**

 **Discussion Guide for Leaders**

*Series: Lord, Teach Us to Pray*

*Sermon: “The Lord’s Prayer Part II” (9-30-18)*

**Group Announcements (Leaders: Please review prior to start)**

**1)** Welcome everyone to your group.

**2) Leaders: Please note special instructions for prayer time.**

1. **Getting To Know Each Other** *Please use these questions as a time for people to informally talk and get to know each other.*

Go around the room and have everyone answer this question: **What was your least favorite food to eat growing up?** (Be as specific as you can)

* **Opening Prayer**. (Either leader, host home or someone who is willing to pray out loud)

*(Notes from message for reference only – use only as needed)*

**\*\***Use Sermon notes bulletin insert

* **Fourth Petition: Give us this day our daily bread**
* **Fifth Petition: And forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors**.
* **Sixth & Seventh Petition: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil**.
* Entering temptation would be to entertain and consider the notion of giving in to sin.
* *Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*
* These words are not found in any of the ancient Latin manuscripts, or in the earliest most reliable Greek manuscripts.
* **Into The Text** (15 Minutes) (Leaders: This time is not meant to be application yet, this is time in the Word, before we seek to apply truth, we need to understand the meaning of the text. The section after this one will focus on application.)

1. Ask someone to read Matthew 6:9-13. *Ask*: *What is Jesus teaching us by praying ‘give us this day our daily bread’? Why does Jesus call it ‘daily bread’?*
2. Jesus told us to pray for our debts to be forgiven*. Ask: What debt is Jesus referring to? If Jesus already paid for our debt, why do we need to continue to pray for our debts to be forgiven?*
3. *Ask someone to read Matthew 18:21-35. Why did Jesus teach this parable? In this parable, who does the king represent? What about the servant? The fellow servant? What is Jesus telling us in V35? According to this prayer, what is our forgiveness to others directly connected to?*
4. *Ask: Why are we being asked to pray against being led into temptation? Why do we need to pray to be delivered from evil?*

**Application & Discussion** (15-20 Minutes)

1. Say: Let’s move to application. *Ask: What has impacted you the most from studying this prayer?*
2. *Ask: How can we allow our daily need for food to remind us of our daily dependence on God? How can you make your prayer time before a meal more meaningful?*
3. *Ask: Do you see yourself as a debtor to God? In what way is our debt to God similar to the debt owed by the debtor in Matthew 18? When God forgave believers of their sin, how much forgiveness was needed?*
4. *Ask:* *If you are struggling with unforgiveness, what does this prayer and Matt 18 teach you to focus on? Is it an oxymoron to say that you are an ‘unforgiving Christian’? Why so?*
5. *Ask: How do you typically try to avoid being led into temptation? Has this study helped you to understand this prayer in a different way? If so, in what way?*

**\*\*Prayer Time**: **(Leader Say:**)

* We will now close with a time of prayer. During this series we will continue to be challenged to grow in our prayer lives and part of that will be in how we pray together as a group.
* *Ask everyone to have the Lord’s Prayer open in front of them so they can see it*, then….
* Like last week, start with someone in the group and have each person go around the room and pray this prayer in their own words, as long or as short as you want, you can even have your eyes open looking at the prayer as you pray. Use what you have learned about this prayer. Remember, Lord teach us to pray.
* *(****Leader****: Encourage those uncomfortable with praying out loud to try this, even if it just a short sentence, they can still pass if they choose but do ask for this prayer to go around the room – give room for learning to pray)*
* Once everyone has prayed this prayer in their own words, you can either open it up for prayer or just close. Lord, teach us to pray.