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Mark 10:35-45; Philippians 3:3-13; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1:26-31; Galatians 3:28

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 6:9

"Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name."

BIG IDEAS

- The priority of prayer is meant to be a desire for God's presence over a desire for His provision.
- Prayer is meant to be a daily realigning of our lives to God's purposes.
- Prayer for God's provision is meant to be the overflow of a desire to live a life that brings glory to Him.

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 6:9-15

TRANSFORM - I AM GROWING

The Transform Year is an exploration of what it means to become a "new creation" in Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:17) In order for this to happen, we must first find our identity in Him. Many of us live in a consistent state of identity crises. We wrestle with questions like who am I, where do I belong, why do I exist? The answer to these questions is found in Jesus. Our prayer for this semester is that like the Apostle Paul we would be able to say, "I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Life, joy, wisdom, and purpose are only found in our treasure, Jesus
- Apart from Jesus we are personally, relationally, and spiritually bankrupt
- The Christian life is about growth not arrival.



Every student should feel...

- Encouraged that Jesus is the treasure our hearts desire
- The depth of their personal and spiritual bankruptcy
- Emboldened to live for God's kingdom alone



Every student should strive to...

- Read the Sermon on the Mount
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week
- Begin practicing some of the basic spiritual disciplines



Every student should want to...

- See the Beatitudes become their attitudes
- Put sin to death and live for God's kingdom
- Pursue Jesus by embracing and practicing spiritual disciplines

FAMILY WORKOUT

This week we will consider how to discuss the goal of prayer with our son or daughter. We will pray with them to understand the purpose of prayer and to seek God's presence in prayer. We will help them practice praying for their daily bread and seeking God's presence.

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Read and meditate upon Matthew 6:9-18.

- Consider how you can lead your son or daughter to evaluate his or her prayer life. In what ways can you help your son or daughter understand that prayer is about seeking God's presence? How can you model prayer for your son or daughter to help them understand the goal of prayer?
- Ponder how you can lead your son or daughter to establish the discipline of praying daily. How can you lead your son or daughter to an understanding and trust of God's provision for them?



Set aside time to pray with your son or daughter every day this week.

- Model the Lord's Prayer for your son and daughter. Ask the Holy Spirit to help your son and daughter grow in his or her prayer life.



Set aside time to pray for your son or daughter every day this week.

- If your son or daughter isn't a believer, spend time praying for them and then use your own prayer life to share the Gospel with them. Discuss the reason you pray with your son or daughter to help them see that prayer is about a relationship with God.
- Discuss with your son or daughter ways he or she can spend time in prayer just praising God and seeking His presence. Share some of the Scriptures that guide your own prayer life, and help your son or daughter search for some verses that give praise to God.