



Community Group Study: The Terrible Petition

Breakthrough - Part 4 | Matthew 6:12, 14-15 | week of May 14

GETTING STARTED

- What is your biggest challenge in prayer? How have you seen growth in this area? What further growth would you like to see?

CONTEXT

- Read Matthew 6:11. What and how does Jesus teach us to pray in this verse?

- How is the prayer of Matthew 6:11 connected to the prayer of Matthew 6:12? What is the significance of this?

Read Matthew 6:12, 14-15.

OBSERVATION

- How does the petition of verse 12 relate to the expansion/explanation of verses 14-15?

MEANING

- How does Jesus define sin? How is this seen in our daily living?

- Why does a person need to confess daily sins after he becomes a Christian?
- Articulate the relationship between forgiving and being forgiven. How can unforgiving Christians rightly be called hypocrites (or worse)?

APPLICATION

- For what past, present, or ongoing sins do you most struggle to believe that you are (in Christ) forgiven?
- What patterns of sin - either sins of omission or sins of commission - are you most prone to tolerate or accept in your own life? How can the regular practice of prayerful confession correct this tendency?
- How have you struggled to forgive others as the Lord has forgiven you? How has this affected you?
- How can focus on the gospel - especially the self-denial and self-sacrifice of Jesus - free you to forgive others?

NEXT STEPS

- Read and meditate upon Psalm 51. Ask God to give you a heart that seeks - and trusts him for - daily pardon.

