



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.

- Share with a spouse or group member someone you need to forgive. Even if they have neither asked for nor deserved it, pray specifically that the Lord would grant you the grace to offer your forgiveness.