

Sermon Discussion Questions for June 15: Matthew 6:9

1. **Jesus begins the Lord's Prayer by inviting us to pray to "Our Father."**

What changes in your view of prayer (or God) when you start by remembering that God is your Father, not just a distant judge or impersonal force? How does this reshape your approach to prayer?

2. **The sermon compared us to the dog who only knows how to run in circles.**

What are some "tight circles" in your own spiritual life—old habits, assumptions, or ways of thinking—that keep you from experiencing the freedom that God offers in prayer?

3. **Prayer begins with relationship and leads to worship.**

How do you see that dynamic at work in your own prayer life? Are you more likely to start with requests, or with remembering who God is? How could the Lord's Prayer help you reorder that?

4. **The phrase "Hallowed be your name" is a request for God's name to be honored.**

What would it look like for God's name to be hallowed in your own life, in your relationships, or in your city? What gets in the way of that?

5. **The sermon said that many of us live like "spiritual orphans."**

Where do you most feel the pressure to perform, control, or please others? What would it look like to live from a place of security—as someone already loved and accepted by your Father in heaven?