



Sermon Discussion Guide
Week of 03/25/2018

➤ ***Icebreaker***

What is your favorite thing about snow?

➤ ***Announcements***

Who can you invite to one of our Easter services?

Remember our Easter Service times- 8:30/10:00/11:30.

➤ ***Prayer Time***

➤ ***Discussion Questions***

Read Matthew 6:9-12. Why does Jesus include each of the following elements in this prayer- 1- Praise 2- Asking God to work His will in us 3- Asking God to advance His work through us 4- Petition to meet our needs? Which part of this prayer is new to you? Which do you focus on most? Why is it important to look at prayer as more than asking God for things?

In what way is everyone- not just religious people- a hypocrite? How has everyone at one time or another violated their own stated beliefs? What does this say about the human heart? See Romans 1:21; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 64:6; Jeremiah 17:9. What do these verses tell us about our need for forgiveness?

Jesus could have added many other elements to this prayer- why does He focus in on forgiveness? Why is this so important to Him? What happens when we are not a forgiving people?

Why is forgiveness so difficult? What does our culture say about handling those who hurt us? What rationale do you hear for not forgiving? What price do we pay physically, emotionally, and spiritually when we harbor unforgiveness? How can this destroy us from the inside out?

Discuss the statement “In order to point others to the “forgiveness of sins Father” we need to be His “forgiveness of sins people.” What happens to the credibility of our message if we carry bitterness, grudges, resentment and unforgiveness?

What do the following verses say about our need to forgive others... Acts 3:19; Colossians 3:13; Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:31-32?

Read Luke 23:32-43. How was Jesus mistreated? How does He respond to His offenders? How do people respond to His forgiving actions on the cross? What responses can we expect when we forgive others? How can our willingness to forgive set us and others free?

> ***Conversational Prayer: Dear God help me...***