

The Lord's "Real" Prayer

His Prayer Request

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Glorification

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Jesus prayed to be **GLORIFIED**.

Restoration

John 17:5, Philippians 2:5-11

JESUS' relationship to the **FATHER**

OUR relationship to the **FATHER** through the **SON**

Reconciliation

John 17:3, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Eternity is **TO KNOW GOD**.

To know God is to enter into an **INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP**
with God through Jesus.

We enter into eternity **NOW**.

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Pray for **EACH OTHER**.

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Life Group Study Questions

For the week of October 1, 2023

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What's one of your favorite things about the fall season? Do you have any fall traditions? Favorite fall meals?
2. This weekend we see Jesus praying. Everyone has some kind of background with or understanding of prayer. What is your experience with praying?

Quick Review: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

Nothing Jesus did was by accident. It was interesting to note from this week's passage, Jesus' posture of prayer. What do you think the significance is of Jesus looking up (John 17:1)?

We see in Scripture several different postures of prayer. Read the following verses and note the prayer posture or position.

Verse

Posture

Ephesians 3:14 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father,

Psalms 107:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.

1 Timothy 2:8 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting
up holy hands without anger or disputing.

Matthew 6:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door
and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your
Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward
you.

Matthew 26:39 New International Version (NIV)

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the
ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may
this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you
will."

Acts 16:25 New International Version (NIV)

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and
singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were
listening to them.

Prayer, or communicating with God, does not require a certain posture, but as you see in these examples, there are many ways to pray. How do you think our physical posture in prayer reflects the attitude of our hearts?

Do you have a particular posture in prayer that you frequently go to?

Do you think that our posture has any impact on how God receives or responds to our prayers?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

In reflecting on the Lord's "real" prayer, we are intentionally carving out extra time this week to pray. As you discuss the answers to these, bring your requests to God in prayer together.

Glorification

Glorify [glawr-uh-fahy] *verb*: to honor with praise, admiration, or worship; extol

When Damean shared the observation that Jesus prayed for Himself to be glorified, it was not a selfish prayer, but rather so that God the Father would be glorified. Read Romans 15:5-7. Is there an area in your life that might need attention so that God can be glorified?

Romans 15:5-7 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

Restoration

Restore [ri-stawr, -stohr] *verb*: to bring back to a former or original condition

Jesus is restored to His original and rightful place with God the Father, and through Christ we are restored and able to be in relationship with God the Father. Read Psalm 51:11-12. Is there an area of loss, pain, or brokenness where you need Jesus to come in and restore you? Where do you need to invite Jesus in to heal, mend, or make whole?

Psalm 51:11-12 New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Reconciliation

Reconcile [rek-uhn-sahyl] *verb*: to restore to friendship or relationship

When we enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, we are reconciled to God the Father. We are also called to be His ambassadors for reconciliation in the world. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20. Is there a particular area where you would like to grow or deepen your intimacy with Jesus? Is there a relationship in your life where you need God's help with the process of reconciliation?

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Halle-glory

[hal-le· glohr-ee] Hallelujah + Glory

This term Damean taught us is all about acknowledging God's character and living life in such a way that when others see us, they see God in us and give Him the glory.

Having learned this new term, fill in the blanks below to create your own "halle-glory" prayer.

God, you are _____.
(God's character traits)

Help me to _____
(action, attitude, approach)

so that when others see me, they see You in me and give You glory.

Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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