

SMALL GROUPS

Small Group Discussion Week of March 6, 2011 Simple Conversations Simple Prayers

1. Tell about the kind of prayer that comes naturally for you. When do you move to prayer without really thinking about it?

Read: Matthew 6:5-14

2. What warning does Jesus give about prayer in the opening verses of this teaching? How can these words help us as we pray?
3. What are some names for God (Father, Son and Spirit) that can direct our prayers and expand how we address and think of Him?
4. When you think of God's will being done on earth as it is in heaven, what does God want to do in one of these areas of life:

In our nation?

In your community?

In your church?

In and through your home?

5. What is the difference between praying for our basic needs (daily bread), and giving God a wish list of everything we want and desire? What are examples of "daily bread"?
6. Why is forgiveness so important and why does God emphasize the importance of us forgiving those who have wronged us? How can living with an unforgiving heart hinder our prayers? How can freely forgiving others deepen our prayer life?
7. What are some of the common temptations believers face as we live in this world? What is one specific temptation you are facing personally in this season of life and how can your group members pray for you as you battle this temptation?