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INTRODUCTION

This study guide is intended to accompany the book and sermon series *Pray Like Jesus: Learn to Pray to God as Father* as an additional resource for personal and group study. *Pray Like Jesus* is written by a dad and his oldest daughter about how prayer is the way God's children communicate with their Dad. It started out as a 21-day plan on the YouVersion app, which now has over 90,000 completions.

We have additional resources including sermon notes, sermon transcripts, daily devotions, and the sermon series in audio and video format all for free at realfaith.com or on the free Real Faith app, where you can also find our weekly fun church online show called Real Faith Live. There you can also purchase *Pray Like Jesus*.

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Faith that does not result in good deeds is not real faith.

-James 2:20, TLB

At Real Faith, we believe that the Word of God isn't just for us to read, it's to be obeyed. And living in community with fellow believers is one of the ways God the Father allows us to learn and grow to become more like His Son Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. We do this through something called Real Groups. Here are a few tips to start your own.

1. Invite

Invite your friends, neighbors, family, coworkers, and enemies, because they all need Jesus whether they know Him or not! Whether it's a group of men, women, families, students, or singles, explain that you'd like to start a weekly sermon based small group based on Pastor Mark Driscoll's sermons.

2. Listen to the sermon on realfaith.com or the Real Faith app

You can host a viewing party to watch Real Faith Live and discuss it all at once, or you can watch it separately and gather to discuss it at another time that works for the group.

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3. Get into God's Word

In addition to watching the sermon, make sure you and all group members have a study guide from realfaith.com for the current sermon series. There are questions for personal reflection as well as for groups that can guide your devotional times throughout the week. You can also sign up for Daily Devos at realfaith.com.

4. Gather together

Whether at someone's house, a public place, or through something like Zoom, meet weekly to discuss the sermon and what God taught you through it. The great thing about Real Groups is that you don't all have to be in the same location. You can talk about sermon takeaways, what stood out to you in the study guide, or what God taught you in His Word that week. Focus on personal application as much as possible.

5. Pray

When you gather, feel free to share prayer requests, pray for each other on the spot, and continue praying throughout the week. Prayer is a great unifying force that God gives us to strengthen His family.

6. Share

Send us photos, videos, testimonies, and updates of how your group is doing to hello@realfaith.com. You might even be featured on our Real Faith Live show!

There are plenty more resources to discover at realfaith.com/real-groups, as well. We will be praying for you and your group and look forward to hearing what God does through it.

A 5-part Study Guide for Individuals and Groups

WEEK 1: WHAT IS JESUS' SECRET TO PRAYER?

Whether or not you grew up in a Christian home, had a good or bad earthly father, and no matter what your relationship is with the Heavenly Father, we hope you learn to pray like Jesus by studying His prayers.

Prayer is a complex topic, and this study guide will only scratch the surface of the depth of what the Bible has to say about it. Ultimately, the goal is to talk to God as Father, and to see prayer as an essential aspect of relationship with Him. Overall, we hope you use this study guide as a set of principles and ideas to dive deeper into the Word, not just as a set of legalisms or rules to follow, as that is the opposite of true relationship.

As you read the following Scriptures and study Jesus' prayer life, we'd encourage you to think about your relationship with your earthly father, including spiritual fathers and father figures. Your experiences with your earthly father can greatly impact how you relate to your Heavenly Father.

Do any of these kinds of men sound familiar?

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•**The Missing in Action Man.** This kind of man died or was so sick that he was unable to function in a normal healthy way. His absence was not a personal rejection but created a personal loss.

•**The Deadbeat Dad.** This man has walked out on your life and does little to nothing to help you, love you, or bless you because he does not much care to know you.

•**The Addicted Dad.** This man self-medicates with behaviors like drugs, alcohol, sex, porn, gambling, and so on. Addiction takes up so much of his life that there's no room left for anyone or anything else.

•**The Mr. Nice Guy.** This man is genuinely tender and kindhearted. He is loving, warm, and personable. He's not big on conflict or correction, which means he gets walked on a lot and has a hard time winning at work or defending his family from harm.

•**The Selfish Dad.** This man devotes his free time to his hobbies. He likes to hunt, fish, watch games, drink beer, golf, boat, off-road, or something else with a buddy instead of his family. His time and money go to himself and his out-of-order priorities.

•**The Party Hearty Pop.** This man is the nice guy who most everyone likes, but hardly anyone respects. He is irresponsible, unreliable, and loves to be the life of the party. You cannot count on him since he's immature and refuses to grow up and consistently take on adult responsibilities.

•**The Domineering Dad.** This guy is overbearing, intimidating, and wins through bullying. Tactics include pushing you around

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physically, emotionally, spiritually, and mentally. These dads gravitate toward the military, sports, and business world where they succeed at ruling but lose at relationships at home.

•**The Good Dad.** This guy is not perfect, but he is present. He does care and tries to be a burden lifter instead of a burden giver for his family. When he's wrong, he apologizes as he knows he is not perfect but wants to learn and grow to be a better dad.

Coming to terms with the fact that fathers influence our lives no matter what kind of father they are is crucial in understanding how we communicate with our heavenly Father and relate to those around us. When we don't deal with the flaws in our relationships with our earthly fathers, we spend our whole lives trying to avoid making the same mistakes in our relationships. But in the process, we become so fixated on the issues that we repeat them instead of finding healing from them in prayer.

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we need to forgive the
father on earth who hurt
us and start spending time
with our Father in heaven
who can heal us.*

The father wound explains these various misunderstandings of God the Father as each is either a projection or rejection of a man on earth onto the Father in heaven. This thinking is completely backward. We are not to begin our understanding of God the Father by looking

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at men on earth and assuming He is like them. Instead, we are to look to God the Father and judge other men on earth by the character and conduct of our Father in heaven.

Many people struggle with prayer because they wrongly view God as Master. If God is mean, unloving, controlling, harsh, and uses you, then running to Him to build a loving, intimate relationship by inviting Him into every aspect of your life is the very last thing you would do. Conversely, if God is your Father, that is the very thing you should do.

God as Master

A master uses you
You serve them
Motivate you by fear
Beats you down
No grace for an inheritance

vs.

God as Father

A father blesses you
They serve you
Motivate you by love
Builds you up
Full grace for an inheritance

To heal the father wound, we need to forgive the father on earth who hurt us and start spending time with our Father in heaven who can heal us. Prayer is something all of us must learn. No one is born into the world perfectly knowing how to pray, which is encouraging no matter where you are on the journey.

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We hope and pray that as you use this study guide to reflect on your own prayer life and discuss with fellow believers, God the Father reveals Himself to you through the example of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Personal study questions

1. What is your relationship with your physical and spiritual fathers like? How could that have contributed to father wounds?
2. If you are a dad, how can you grow in your prayer life? Why is it important for you to set an example for your family?
3. How would you explain your prayer life in the past and present?

Group discussion questions

1. Do you view God as Father or master? Do you see yourself as a son or a slave? How do these views affect your prayers?
2. What changes would you like to make to your prayer life in the future?

Prayer points

1. How has your earthly father wronged you? How can you forgive him?
2. What wrong views of God result from father wounds in your life? How can you ask God to change your heart and mind?

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In Luke 11:1, the disciples say to Jesus, “Lord teach us to pray,” and Jesus responds in Luke 11:13, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Jesus’ answer to the request “Teach us to pray” is about receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit, because, while Trinitarian prayer is directed to the Father, it is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit actually teaches us how to pray and Jesus himself prayed by the Spirit in Luke 10:21-22. This prayer of Jesus is described as “rejoicing in the Holy Spirit,” indicating that the Son’s prayer to the Father is conducted in the joyful power of the Holy Spirit. This is a beautiful description of worshipful prayer that shows us how the Spirit empowers us to pray.

In Mark 14:36, Jesus prays “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

...the Son's prayer to the Father is conducted in the joyful power of the Holy Spirit.

This prayer shows us both Jesus’ relational intimacy with God (calling him “Abba,” which means something akin to “Daddy”) and his submission to the Father’s authority and will. In this example we learn two things: prayer to the Father should always be

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respectful but need not be formal.

We also need to remember that prayer is not telling God something he doesn't already know. You can't surprise God! My kids often tell me things that I already know, but their telling me is about talking to me, about experiencing relational intimacy with me. It's about the experience of me loving them, serving them, helping them, instructing them, caring for them. Conversation is key to all relationships.

When you have a problem or a concern, take it to the Father and talk about it with Him, just as Jesus did.

1 Timothy 2:5 informs us that "there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." So when we pray to the Father, we are praying by and in the power of the Spirit living in us, and we are praying through the power of Jesus Christ living for us.

As we seek to pray through the Son, we should seek to pray as the Son prayed. One thing we notice as we look through the Gospels for instances of Jesus praying is that he didn't exactly devote a large amount of time to direct teaching on prayer. Rather, we find that Jesus' direction on prayer is woven throughout his life and teaching. His prayers and his teachings on prayer are part of the fabric of his day-to-day life and ministry.

Jesus prayed:

Scriptural prayers

Long prayers

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Warfare prayers

Thankful Prayers

Prayers in song

Desperate prayers with His last breath

And these are just some examples of His prayer life. He perfectly modeled praying without ceasing because of the loving, intimate relationship He had with the Father.

Personal study questions

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “prayer”? By what factors has your view of prayer been formed?
2. Do you think prayer is important? Why or why not?
3. Do you pray? Why or why not?
4. Are there any areas of prayer that Jesus modeled that you can improve in?

Group discussion questions

1. What challenges with prayer are you currently facing? What changes would you like to make in your prayer life in the future?
2. Which person do you have the best conversations with? What lessons can you learn from that relationship about your relationship with God?
3. Is there any specific time in your life when you felt God was really with you in prayer and showed up in an amazing way

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to answer that prayer? Describe it.

4. What does it mean to pray in God's will?
5. How can the group pray for you?

Prayer points

1. Spend some time in prayer today, and before you do, invite the Holy Spirit to help you learn how to pray to God as Father from your heart. As you pray, thank Jesus that He intercedes for you and brings your prayers to the Father.
2. Who and what do you pray for? Who and what can you start praying for (sinners, needs, burdens, against temptation, evangelists, enemies, friends, children)?
3. Describe any big decisions or burdens that you can talk about with the Father.

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WEEK 3: THE LORD'S PRAYER

And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

—MATTHEW 6:5–15

Summary

The Lord's Prayer itself only takes up one short paragraph (just four short lines, depending on the translation). In its context, however, this whole passage constitutes Jesus' message instructing us on how to begin or deepen our parent-child relationship

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with God.

Getting God to do what we want is not the primary point of prayer. Jesus reminds us that the primary point of prayer is not to move God, but to change us. Above all, praying prayers that follow the example of the Lord's Prayer requires a radical reorienting of our hearts and wills around the heart and will of God.

This type of prayer shifts our focus from ourselves to our Father, who is the solution for all our problems. Prayer is not something our Father needs, but something the Father knows we need. Prayer empties us of our prideful self-sufficiency and opens us up to Spirit-dependency.

When you pray prayers like the Lord's Prayer with a heart open to transformation, it allows you to be part of our Father's plan for His will to be done on earth starting with us. It is foolish for us to pray this way—for our Father's name to be hallowed and His will to be done, for sinners to be forgiven, and for people to be fed and led out of evil temptation—if we are not willing to align ourselves with our Father. That's the only way to be part of the solution and an answer to someone else's prayer. Indeed, God will even use us as his sons and daughters to forgive people, feed people, and lead them out of sin as answers to their prayers. The Lord's Prayer reminds us that prayer is so much bigger than us, but your Father is so loving that He includes us in His plans to bless others as He has blessed us.

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Personal study questions

1. How does Jesus model adoration, worship, confession, intercession, and requests for personal provision and spiritual protection? What can you learn from Him?
2. Do you truly believe you are forgiven? Is there anyone you need to forgive?
3. How do you need to align yourself with the Father's will?

Group discussion questions

1. According to this passage, how should we *not* pray? Do you ever find yourself praying like a Pharisee or Gentile?
2. In contrast, how should we pray?
3. What stands out to you overall about the Lord's Prayer and how it shows Jesus' relationship with the Father?
4. What aspects of this prayer do you currently practice? In which areas can you grow? How can the group pray to support you practically?

Prayer points

1. Repent of any religion or hypocrisy in your heart and ask the Father to show you how you are loved as His Son or Daughter.
2. Pray that God's Kingdom will come into your life and His will be done.

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WEEK 4: THE LORD'S GETHSEMANE PRAYER

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

—MATTHEW 26:36–46

Summary

As Jesus approached the end of His last day, He stopped to spend an entire night in prayer. What someone does in the final

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moments of their life reveals who or what they care most about. Jesus' actions reveal that meeting with the Father in prayer was His highest priority.

Reading Jesus' Gethsemane Prayer is spiritually overwhelming, just as it was physically overwhelming for Jesus. His tear-stained agonizing prayer is a sacred glimpse into His most miserable moment so that He might comfort us on our darkest days. *Gethsemane* means an oil press, and an oil press stood amid a field of olive trees where it was used to press the oil from the

If we do not understand who God is, then we cannot understand who we are. These are perhaps the two most important first things we need to know rightly— who God is and who God says we are.

fruit by crushing it. John 18:1 reveals that an olive grove, or garden, was in this place where Jesus prayed. There, Jesus' soul would be pressed until it was crushed, and heartfelt prayer poured forth.

Jesus' prayer in the darkness of the garden is brutally and painfully honest. In His darkest hour of abandonment and betrayal, with the horrid specter of crucifixion quickly coming, Jesus did not doubt the Father, deny the Father, rebel against the Father, or run from the Father. No, instead, He got down on His knees in surrender to speak with the Father in prayer. In this act, we witness another reminder of one of the great truths about prayer: it is not primarily about getting God to do what we want, but rather about having our will aligned with His. That way, when the most

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brutal moments of life envelop us, we will take the Father's hand to lead us through—and not around—our valleys of darkness.

Personal study questions

1. Has anyone ever failed you? Have you failed anyone else? How is it comforting to know that Jesus' friends failed Him, but He will never fail you? Can your friends count on you to persevere in prayer for them?
2. In your life, how is your spirit willing but your flesh weak to temptation? How can you pray for God to strengthen your spirit to follow His will?
3. When your soul is heavy and sorrowful, do you turn to God in prayer or run from Him?

Group discussion questions

1. At what times has it been hard for you to accept God's will for your life? What was the effect on your relationship with Him?
2. What does it look like to say "Thy will be done" in your life right now? What areas are you holding onto that you need to release to God?
3. If anyone in the group is in a heavy, sorrowful season, take turns praying for them.

Prayer points

1. Pray that God will get you through any Gethsemane season

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you may find yourself in, not just out of it. Pray the same for anyone you know who is struggling.

2. Pray that God will bring you good friends and that you can be a good friend to others.
3. Pray that you stay spiritually awake and alert despite the weakness of your flesh.

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WEEK 5: THE HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER: PRAY FOR YOURSELF, CHRISTIANS, AND NON-CHRISTIANS

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except

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the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved

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me may be in them, and I in them.

—JOHN 17:1–26

Summary

Jesus' prayer in John 17 models this life-changing, burden-lifting, hope-giving truth. This prayer is the longest recorded prayer we have from Jesus Christ. It is commonly referred to as Jesus' High Priestly Prayer because He takes the place of the High Priest entering the spiritual holy of holies through prayer, interceding for sinners before the Father. This lengthy prayer does not appear in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) but is recorded in John's Gospel alone. Had John not included Jesus' prayer, we would be without any record of this great and vital moment in world history.

It is arguably the richest of Jesus' prayers, and it unfolds with such breadth and depth that Bible students and teachers have been awestruck by its majesty ever since. In the first section, Jesus prays for Himself. Many people struggle to pray for themselves for a variety of reasons. But remember, Jesus prayed for Himself, and He was perfect. Therefore, it is perfectly good for you to do the same and pray for yourself. And here's how:

Getting God to do what we want is not the primary point of prayer. Jesus reminds us that the primary point of prayer is not to move God, but to change us.

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1. Pray to live “kingdom down”
2. Pray to deepen your relationship with God
3. Pray to prepare yourself for big changes
4. Pray to glorify God in all you do
5. Pray to exercise your authority
6. Pray to live in light of eternity
7. Pray to clarify God’s will for you
8. Pray to experience God’s presence

After praying for Himself, Jesus proceeds to pray for His followers who would come to believe in Him as God and would subsequently bring the good news of His person and work to the world. Jesus refers to these Christians as people who accept that He was sent by God the Father into history to reveal His “name.” This little prayer gives us big insight into Jesus’ heart and mind on His darkest days. He specifically prays:

1. For our keeping
2. For godly unity over demonic division
3. For our joy
4. For our protection
5. For our mission
6. Against rebellion
7. Against religion

It is important to note that Jesus prays these things for those who belong to Him, not to the world. When Jesus says, “I do

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not pray for the world," He is referring to the system of thinking, speaking, and acting in rebellion to God, in allegiance to Satan, and at war against the kingdom of heaven. Jesus does not pray for the world to be sanctified, joyful, sent, or glorified because it is against Him and cannot be changed until it submits to Him.

When Jesus prays, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word...", He was praying for you. It is a bit staggering to consider that, with His own complex life to manage and death to endure that we were in His heart and on His mind.

Not only does Jesus model for us the importance of praying for lost people, but He also prays for us to talk

Every Christian should, out of love, have a list of people they know and pray will become Christians.

to lost people about Him as they come to "believe in me," Jesus says, "through their word." Jesus alone saves people, but you and I are sent to speak to people about Him. God not only oversees the ends of things (who is saved) but also the means (how they are saved). For this reason, not only does Jesus pray for people to become Christians, but He also prays for Christians to speak to non-Christians.

Therefore, every Christian should, out of love, have a list of people they know and pray will become Christians. By praying for them, we are asking God the Holy Spirit to prepare them to hear about Jesus and prepare us to speak with them about Jesus.

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Most of the time, even a non-Christian appreciates someone regularly praying for their need, and this opens the door of an on-going conversation about how they are doing and how you can lovingly support them. Eventually, these relationships that start with praying for someone will transition to conversations with them about Jesus.

Jesus also prayed that we would see Him in glory. His prayer reminds us of four great truths about glory:

1. Our God is glorious.
2. Our message is glorious.
3. Our mission is glorious.
4. Our future is glorious.

Personal study questions

1. Do you ever pray for yourself? Why or why not? In this passage, what does Jesus pray for Himself that you can learn from?
2. What do we learn about Jesus' relationship with his Father in this passage?
3. Do you currently pray for Christians? How can you improve this practice?
4. Why does Jesus pray for our keeping and protection? What is trying to take you away from Him in your life?
5. Who prayed for you to become a Christian? If you can, thank that person.
6. Are there any non-Christians you know that you have given

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up on evangelizing to or praying for? How can you soften your heart toward them?

Group discussion questions

1. What posture do you usually pray in? Why do you think Jesus looks up?
2. Why do you think Jesus talks so much about God's glory? How can you pray for God's glory in your life?
3. As a group, what does unity look like? What is the opposite of unity?
4. What is our mission corporately as the church? What has God specifically sent you to do? What does that look like practically?
5. How can we pray for each other and other fellow believers working towards the same goal and mission?
6. Consider for a moment all the non-Christians that you know. How about those that you know well, like family, friends, coworkers, or neighbors? What about extended family, former friends, and people you run in to at school, your kids' sports league, or the store? Various sociologists tell us that the average person interacts with upwards of a few thousand people a year. Are you praying for any of them to become Christians? Spend time praying for these people as a group.

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Prayer points

1. Practice praying for yourself in the eight areas listed above.
2. Which Christians can you pray for? Think of those that are in vocational ministry, going through a trial, those that have poured into you, etc. If possible, call them or pray for them in person.
3. Pray for the global church to be unified.
4. Pray for non-Christians you know. Keep a list and keep praying for them.
5. Pray that non-Christians will see Christ through you, and ask the Father if there is anything you can better do to reflect Him in your outward behavior as a missionary.

Pray to live "kingdom down"

Pray to deepen your relationship with God

Pray to prepare yourself for big changes

Pray to glorify God in all you do

Pray to exercise your authority

Pray to live in light of eternity

Pray to clarify God's will for you

Pray to experience God's presence

WEEK 5

ABOUT PASTOR MARK DRISCOLL, ASHLEY CHASE & REAL FAITH

With Pastor Mark, it's all about Jesus! Mark and his wife Grace have been married and doing vocational ministry together since 1993. They also planted The Trinity Church with their five kids in Scottsdale, Arizona as a family ministry (thetrinitychurch.com) and started Real Faith, a ministry alongside their daughter Ashley that contains a mountain of Bible teaching from Pastor Mark as well as content for women, men, parents, pastors, leaders, Spanish-speakers and more.

Pastor Mark has been named by *Preaching Magazine* one of the 25 most influential pastors of the past 25 years. He has a bachelor's degree in speech communication from the Edward R. Murrow College of Communication at Washington State University as well as a master's degree in exegetical theology from Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon. For free sermons, answers to questions, Bible teaching, and more, visit **RealFaith.com** or download the **Real Faith app**.

As the oldest of the Driscoll kids, Ashley was born into ministry with her parents and has loved serving alongside them ever

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since. This is her first publication with her dad, and prayer is a topic especially close to her heart. She has studied theology at Capernwray Bible School in Costa Rica and attended Arizona State University, where she was involved with a 24/7 prayer tent that opened her eyes to prayer in relationship with the Father.

If you have any prayer requests for us, questions for future Ask Pastor Mark or Dear Grace videos, or a testimony regarding how God has used this and other resources to help you learn God's Word, we would love to hear from you at hello@realfaith.com.



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