

Sermon Discussion Questions, May 22, 2011
The Sermon on the Mount
Praying the Lord's Prayer, Dr. Rod MacIlvaine
Matthew 5:6-10

LINE 1, "Our Father who is in heaven." Matthew 6:8, 9b

1. What does calling God "Father" mean to you personally? What does calling Him "our" Father imply? How does that affect how you feel about other believers?

LINE 2, 3, & 4, "Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done." Matthew 6:9c-10

2. What should be our top priority in praying the Lord's Prayer? When we pray each of these phrases, for what are we really praying?

LINE 5, "Give us this day our daily bread." Matthew 6:11

3. What did this phrase mean in the 1st century? What does it mean for us today? In our affluent society, what does this phrase force us to acknowledge. Why is this important?

LINE 6, "Forgive us our debts." Matthew 6:12

4. What is the difference between legal forgiveness and relational forgiveness? Have you experienced either or both kinds? What did you feel after you received forgiveness?

LINE 7 & 8, "Lead us not into temptation; deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:13a.

5. Read James 1:13. How does this verse compare with Matthew 6:13a? Why is it important for us to take spiritual warfare seriously and pray for protection?
6. Why do you think the Lord's Prayer is a model prayer? Which part of it touches your heart and life most? How will you personalize the prayer this week?

