

2023 Aim Check-in

- Becoming disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.
 - Creating a community of faith that meaningfully engages our community of residence.
1. In the time since you last met as a H2H group, have you made any movement towards the aims we've set for 2023?
 2. How might we as a H2H group help support or encourage you towards these aims?

Discussion Questions Set #1

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 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. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." (Matthew 6:5-8)

In prayer, "approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16)

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us". (1 John 5:14)

1. Have you ever felt that "praying rightly" has to do with eloquence or the use of fitting words in prayer? What difference might it make to acknowledge that praying wrongly is not about a lack of eloquence in language but instead about praying with the wrong motives?
2. Why might motives matter in our prayer?
3. Why ought we be confident in our prayer? Is it related to our ability to pray rightly or to something else?
4. Our passage presents us with two things we ought to avoid in our prayer – self-centeredness and babbling. How might each of the compromise our ability to pray rightly?

Discussion Questions Set #2

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today 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 the evil one.' For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." (Matthew 6:9-15)

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39)

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34)

1. In sermon, it was discussed that The Lord's Prayer calls us to incorporate four aspects into our prayer. Discuss what each aspect means to you practically/personally and how each enables us to pray rightly.
 - a. God-focussed ("Our Father" ...)
 - b. Kingdom-centered ("Your Kingdom come" ...)
 - c. humbly needs-based ("Give us our daily bread.")
 - d. forgiveness-heavy ("Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.")
2. Discuss the example of Christ's garden of Gethsemane prayer. What does this teach us about praying rightly?