

[Primary Text: Matthew 6:1-15]

PRAY

Pause. Acknowledge that you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

WARM-UP (10 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive God's word.

- LG Foundations (on back page): What did you learn from the foundations course for last week (topic: "The Use of Time")?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text. If you do not have a Bible, your leader can provide one.

- Let's read through our text together to refresh our memories.
- In the Lord's Prayer, the ESV translation uses the word "debts." What are some of the words that are often used in place of "debts?" What ultimately is Jesus referring to when he uses this word?
- Our justification through Christ allows us to pray to the Father. In your own words, how would you define the Doctrine of Justification? Once justified, can you become "un-justified?" [Guidance: Romans 5:1-11, John 10:28-29].
- Let's bring our focus to verse 12. If we have been justified through the blood of Jesus and our sins have been forgiven past, present and future, why is there a need to ask the Lord for forgiveness?
- What does the Lord's Prayer reveal about the nature of God?
- As you reflect on our study of the Lord's Prayer, what one word would you use as the theme of this prayer?
- How has the study of this prayer shaped your prayer life? Do you feel like your prayers align with Jesus' example? How can you align?
- Do you think this prayer it is worthy of memorization? How can your group help each other to memorize this prayer? Would your kids benefit from knowing this prayer?

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. What does tonight's conversation lead you to pray for?

LG Foundations

study to show thyself approved, rightly dividing
the word of truth. – 2 Timothy 2:15

Over the next year we will be guided through a series of 30 topics that will challenge us to not only know what we believe but will help us to internalize and verbalize our beliefs. Knowing God's word takes training (1 Tim 4:6-9). **Let us train to know God and make Him known.** Welcome to LG Foundations.

Topic 20: The Will of God

{ How does the Bible guide us concerning the Will of God? Are there any verses that shed light on this topic? }

GUIDE:

Psalms 119:105 –

Proverbs 15:22 –

John 16:13 –

Romans 12:1-2 –

1 Thessalonians 3:3-5 –

1 Thessalonians 3:14-18 –

Now that you have been reminded of what God's word says, try answering the topic question again with the paper flipped over. Try to include at least one Bible reference. Repeat this process as if you are teaching someone else. Practice teaching it to a friend or family member.