

Personal Liturgy

Week 9: Pray Like Jesus - Part 2

Primary Passages: Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 18:1-8

Related Passages: Romans 5:8

"O Christ, in whom the final fulfillment of all hope is held secure,

I bring to you now the weathered fragments of my former dreams,

Here in the ruins of my wrecked expectation, let me make this best confession:

Not my dreams, O Lord, not my dreams, but yours, be done. Amen."

- Douglas McKelvey

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read and Recap: Have someone read **Matthew 7:7-11** and **Luke 18:1-8** and recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- Why does Jesus emphasize God's goodness in these teachings on prayer?

Reread Luke 18:1. Jesus knew we would lose heart in our prayer lives at times. To what extent would you say you've lost heart in prayer currently? Why?

- In what ways (if any) are you protecting yourself from the potential disappointment of God not answering your prayers how you want Him to?

Group Prayer:

At the end of the sermon, we were asked to think about three questions:

1. Where am I disappointed?
2. Where am I measuring God's goodness outside of the cross?
3. What do I need/want God to do?

Take some time sharing your answers to #1 and #2. Then spend at least 5 minutes praying for each other's disappointment and distorted perspectives of God's goodness.

Take some time to share your answers to #3. Then spend at least 5 minutes getting your hopes up by praying and asking God to do what only He can do.