

## How TO Pray

As preached on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** Matthew 6:9-15

1. How familiar are you with the Lord's Prayer? Has it been a help or a hindrance to your worship of God through the years?
2. Beginning in v.9 Jesus offers an explanation of how Christians are to pray. What is the significance of the salutation, "Our Father"?
3. The first three requests of the Lord's Prayer (vv.9-10) have been called "divine requests". Why? What is the relationship between "*your kingdom come*" and "*your will be done*"?
4. The last three petitions (vv.11-13) have been called "human requests". Why? What do you think it means to pray "*lead us not into temptation*"?
5. Many have struggled with the additional teaching that Jesus offers in vv.14-15. What is the relationship between our salvation by grace and this teaching? How can both be true?
6. Some are adamant that the Lord's Prayer should be prayed verbatim with nothing added. Others contend that its significance comes in using it as a prayer guide that we expand. What do you think? Is there a right or wrong way to utilize this prayer? How can you re-engage the gift of this prayer during this unique season in our world?