



The Lord's Prayer - Part One: Matthew 6.9-10

1. How do you get on with your dad? Briefly discuss the importance of parental relationships, and how they shape our view of God.

2. It therefore communicates great respect for a person, while at the same time suggesting a level of intimacy between the one using it and the one spoken to. How does a Christian balance reverence – treating God respectfully as a Mighty God – while at the same time speaking to him intimately as one who loves us? What happens when we omit one of these approaches or we don't maintain the correct balance?

3. This is not a picture of a remarkable father. This is the portrait of God, whose goodness, love, forgiveness, care and compassion have no limits at all. How does the Parable of the Prodigal Son help your understanding of the character of God? Do you ever act/feel like the elder son, jealous that God might favour those who don't "deserve" favourable treatment?

4. So, in the Lord's Prayer, when we're called to speak the words "Hallowed be thy name," we're expressing a desire for God to demonstrate his character. In the OT, he saved his people. What aspect of God's character do you pray for him to demonstrate in our world?

5. We make choices and we live with the consequences. *Ned. Pushing Daisies.* We're free to call upon God that his will be done in our world. And as we do so, we're aligning our wills to his. **deovox. Either: Discuss the tension between asking for God's kingdom to come and our continued resistance to God's will, even in our own lives. **Or** In what ways do you align your will with God's as you pray for his will to be done? Is there any action that God is calling you to that expresses a desire to align your will with his? Is there anything related to participating in God's kingdom that the group could do together? Discuss.**