

# RL GROUPS

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## Matthew 6:5-15

<sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our  
debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.



## Questions for Discussion

1. Share about a time when your expectations for something didn't match your experience. How did you feel afterwards?
2. If you're familiar with the Lord's Prayer, which word are you used to saying: trespasses, sins, or debts? Do you have a preference for one over another?
3. Who is someone you know who is good at showing forgiveness to others? If you're comfortable, share a story about how you've seen that play out.
4. Is it harder for you to forgive financial debts or relational debts? Have you always been that way or has that changed with time?
5. What is a "next step" you can take toward forgiving someone's debts? Consider choosing one person in your small group who can help keep you accountable to this "next step" this week.

*As you close your time together, have each person share a word that represents a debt that God is asking them to forgive and lift those words up to God during a time of prayer.*