## Sermon-based Growth Group Questions "Sermon on the Mount: A Framework for Prayer" Matthew 6:9-15 February 25, 2024

Introductory Discussion: What from the sermon did you find most helpful, or eye-opening, or challenging?

- 1. Is it necessary to pray exactly the way Jesus prays in these verses?
  - a. What is his purpose for giving this prayer?
- 2. Why is it important that the prayer starts with "our Father?"
  - a. What is the significance of stating that he is "in heaven?"
  - b. What is the significance stating that he is holy?
- 3. What is the first thing we pray for (verse 9b-10a)?
  - a. What does it tell us about the focus of our lives that this is the priority?
  - b. According to verse 10b, who should be in control?
- 4. What does verse 11 tell us about what we should pray for next?
  - a. Can you pray this believing it will happen?
  - b. According to this verse, who really provides for your needs?
- 5. What attitude about ourselves is represented in verses 11b-12?
  - a. How does it help you live each day if you start by knowing you are forgiven and forgiving others?
- 6. How does verse 13 help us focus during each day?

a. What is the way out (see also 1 Corinthians 10:13) ?
7. Read verses 14-15. Why is it necessary to forgive others in order to be forgiven?