



## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Genuine Prayer”**

### **Complement to sermon on 3/3/2019 – “Genuine Protection”**

#### **ICE BREAKER – ask these to open dialogue and learn more about those gathered**

1. Would you rather play the game or watch?
2. Would you rather go in a submarine to explore the depths of the oceans or a space ship to explore outer space?

#### **MEMORIZE – Matthew 6: 9-13**

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

#### **READ – Read John 17**

##### **Questions to ponder/discuss:**

1. What does this passage reveal about God? About humanity?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life?
3. Based on John 17, describe the relationship of the Father and the Son.
4. In verse 11, Jesus asks the Father to keep his followers in the Father’s name. What does this mean? (hint: focus on verses 6-12)
5. In verse 14, Jesus says the world hates his followers.
  - a. In what ways have you experienced this?
  - b. In spite of this hate, Jesus asks for joy to be fulfilled in his followers (v13). What are our source of joy? (hint: v14-26 ... find 6+ sources)
  - c. In what ways do you use these sources to seek joy?
  - d. What sources are you tempted to seek for joy?
  - e. If you don’t actively seek the sources of joy listed in John 17: 14-26, what needs to change?

## Experiential: Simple prayers

There are 4 words to remember to help us pray simple prayers: please, thanks, praise, sorry. These 4 words represent 4 methods of prayer: please = prayers for help. Thanks = prayers of thanksgiving. Praise = prayers of adoration and praise. Sorry = prayers of confession.

This week focus on all four prayers: please, thanks, praise, sorry. You can use the quadrant below or make your own:

Please	Thanks
Praise	Sorry

## Testimony Time

Share about trials you have walked through and how God empowered you to endure.

**SING** (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Our Father - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVqKyVW2gEE>

**God of Grace and God of Glory – Mennonite Hymnal #434**

## PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

## Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Help us to live in a way that is consistent and genuine to our professed faith and belief. For your glory and the good of those around us. Amen