Study Guide

Sunday June 21, 2020 "Our Father in Heaven"

1. → → Matthew 6:5-13

5 "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. 6 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. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for **your Father** knows what you need before you ask him. 9 This, then, is how you should pray: **Our Father in heaven**, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

2. Points to Remember

- A. Our Father is never farther away than a prayer.
- B. Being a father is more than just biological contribution.
- C. Whenever we need help we have a Father in Heaven.
- D. The one gift we can never replace is time with our families.
- E. Jesus is calling us to rediscover our relationship with Our Father.

3. Bible Verses

Isaiah 63:16 But you are our Father

1 Corinthians 4:15-16 You do not have many fathers

Psalms 68:5-6 A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows

Matthew 7:11 "How much more will your Father"
Galatians 4:6 The Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father"

4. Discussion Questions

- A. What was your relationship like with your father?
- B. How does it impact your view of God as the "Father"?
- C. How can Jesus bring healing into our family relationships?