

Sunday, 11 June 2023

What Jesus Taught About Prayer Part 6

Today, we will study three more passages in which Jesus taught about prayer. We will learn how these passages apply to our prayer life today.

1. Pray for your enemies - Matthew 5:44-45

1.1 We pray for our enemies because God is a reconciling God who loves them and wants them to be saved.

1.2 Jesus prayed for His enemies - Luke 23:34

1.3 Stephen prayed for his enemies - Acts 7:60

2 Why Pray? Matthew 9:36-38

2.1 John Wesley said, "It seems God is limited by our prayer life—that He can do nothing for humanity unless someone asks Him."

2.2 *"You do not have because you do not ask"* James 4:2

2.3 Pray for God to send a laborer into one's life so that they can be saved.

3 Pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus – John 16:23-24

3.1 Praying in the name of Jesus means we go to the Father in prayer not based on our good works but because of what Jesus has done for us.

3.2 Paul prayed to the Father – Ephesians 3:14

Conclusion: Jesus has taught us to pray for our enemies, that God works on the earth through our prayer, and that we are to pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we pray for our enemies?
2. How can you pray for people to be saved?
3. What does it mean to pray in the Name of Jesus?