

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, March 12th, 2017

Catalyst for Movement: Jesus' Prayer of Thanksgiving (Matthew 11:25-30)

Sermon Recap: Travis spoke on Jesus prayer of thanksgiving in Matt. 11. He said Jesus starts with adoration for God, moves to acknowledgement of His will and working in the world, and ends with acceptance of the calling he has received. Through Christ, we all have been invited into prayer with the Father

1. Paul opens many of his letters by expressing thanks to God. Jesus opens several of his prayers by giving thanks. Does it seem difficult or easy to give thanks in our age? How do you feel when you are genuinely thanked?
2. Where do you see the three sections of Jesus' prayer in the Matt. 11 passage? How do they follow adoration, acknowledgment, and acceptance? What is the difference between the three?
3. Travis said Jesus refers to God as Father over 40x in the Gospels. Read Ephesians 2:17-19. Who does the church have access to through Christ? What are they apart of? How does the church talk with the father?
4. Read Isaiah 55. Where do you see parallels with Jesus' words in Matt. 11?
5. Travis said that being a disciple is "staying" or "abiding" with Jesus, not just showing up from time to time. Is prayer a regular part of your life? Do you feel invited to approach the Father through prayer?
6. Travis used the quote, "we follow Jesus to be next to the heart of the Father..." in prayer, not *only* through mission and service. Where do you struggle with this spectrum?
7. Travis mentioned that they wanted to hold prayer time in the worship room because they hoped the room would be full. Will you consider making Chapel prayer time (Friday's 8:15am in worship room) a part of your schedule when possible?