



Part 4: Personal Jesus

When Christians pray, they pray to a personal God through a personal Saviour. Sometimes when you pray, you think you're looking for answers. In the Lord's prayer, Jesus shows us that what we're really looking for is not an answer, but something very different.

Scripture: Matthew 6:13 (with footnotes)

Bottom Line: What you want is an answer. What you need is a Person.

Discussion Questions

1. Which questions do you most wish God would answer? Why?
2. To what extent do you get personally frustrated by the lack of direction or 'answers' you seem to get in prayer?
3. Re-read the Lord's prayer. Does it seem more like a quest for answers, or a quest for something else? If so, what do you think is the purpose of this kind of prayer?
4. Have you ever had someone in your life whose mere presence brings a calm reassurance? Why do you think their presence makes such a difference?
5. Carey said: What you want is an answer. What you need is a Person. What would change if you saw the the purpose of your prayer as connecting with a personal Saviour rather than a mere quest for answers?

Moving Forward

This week when you pray, make sure you pray in the name of Jesus and focus on connecting with God personally and inviting him to be present in your daily life. Focus on a Person, not an answer.

Changing Your Mind

"For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory forever, Amen." Matthew 6:9