

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH

LIFE NOTES



This guide is to help you facilitate discussion with your Community Group or Family. Use it as a resource to lead your group in discovering and owning the truths of God's Word. The goal of your time is not to answer every question, but to facilitate meaningful and life giving conversation. Some questions might connect with your group more than others, so please focus on the ones pertinent to your group.

PLAN A: WEEK 2

SYNOPSIS OF SERIES

In this series, we are focusing on our core value, Prayer is Plan A. Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking at the Lord's Prayer. Jesus teaches us how to pray and how not to pray. He gives us the key ingredients that we can use when coming before God.

GETTING STARTED

Tell us a little bit about your family growing up.

Epic family moments?

Family fails?

What is it about family that is forever?

DIGGING DEEPER

Matthew 6:5-8

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...**

What kind of access is Jesus saying that we have to God?

On a scale of 1-10, how easy is it for you to connect with God as your Father? Why?

On Sunday, Kyle gave this analogy from Tim Keller.

We can approach people based on a business relationship or a family relationship. Now, there are certainly combinations of the two—there is a spectrum. But, in all relationships there are these two basics ways of dealing with people. A business relationship or a family relationship.

1) In a business relationship, the basis of the relationship is: **I have something for you.**

2) In a family relationship, the basis of the relationship is: **I am something to you.**

*A business relationship is all about performance. You perform for me and I'll perform for you. In a family relationship, it's all about your status. In a business relationship if I perform, then I'm accepted. In a family relationship, because I'm already accepted, I perform.

Do your prayers tend to be more business or family oriented?

What does it mean that you have been adopted by God?

What are your adoptive rights?

How does this change how you view God?

MOVING FORWARD

Give everyone a paper and pen and have them write down the attributes of a perfect Father. Share those when everyone is done.

Have people share which one of the attributes they are having a hard time believing about God.

PRAY TOGETHER

Use the prayer target sheet and pray over the target for the day!