



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Forgiven and Free - Praying Like Jesus
Speaker: Jason Gaboury – Preacher, Author, InterVarsity National Director
Scriptures: Matthew 6:9-15

“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.’

14 For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
15 But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Jason Gaboury will continue our series through The Narrow Path. We will continue examining The Lord's Prayer, focusing on the lines "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." We'll discover what it means to be forgiven and to join Jesus in his liberating work of forgiveness.

Sermon Questions:

1. What insecurities or challenges do you have around prayer? Note: Jesus isn't giving the disciples this prayer because they are doing it wrong- he is taking their prayer and reshaping it. He wants this prayer to reshape them and lead them into freedom.
2. "Prayer is about forming people." How has prayer formed you?
3. The Lord's Prayer invites us to join the Jesus' Forgiveness Revolution. Jesus doesn't make forgiveness optional, it is essential. Share an experience you have had with the forgiveness of God or others.
4. Jason shared: "Forgiveness is not passive acceptance, it is active resistance against the cycles of harm. We're declaring that violence, resentment and retaliation will not have the last word in our story." What do you think are the benefits of forgiveness? Why is forgiveness so powerful and important?
5. Take time to pray the Lord's prayer together, pausing when you get to "Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" to silently and internally hold the names of the people that have hurt you before the Lord.