

# Colossians Week 4: Father's Day

## Discussion Guide

### Discuss:

- Read [Matthew 6:9–13](#) to answer the following question: How do you think you would pray differently if you were more fully aware that God was your father? [5 min]
- Read [Matthew 6:1–8, 16–18](#) to answer the following question: What are some of the inherent problems with seeking approval from other people? [5 min]
- Read [Matthew 6:19–30](#) to answer the following question: What is the last thing you complained about NOT having? #firstworldpains [5 min]
- Read [Matthew 6:33–34](#) to answer the following question: How do you think your life would be different if you were able take all the time and energy you spend in worry and divert it to focusing on the kingdom? [5 min]

### Challenge:

In what area of your life do you need God to show up as a good Father? [10 min]

### Scriptures:

- **Matthew 5:16**, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

- **Matthew 5:45**, "... so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."
- **Matthew 5:48**, "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."
- **Matthew 6:1**, "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven."
- **Matthew 6:3–4**, "But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
- **Matthew 6:6**, "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."
- **Matthew 6:8–9**, "Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name....'"
- **Matthew 6:14–15**, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
- **Matthew 6:17–18**, "But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
- **Matthew 6:26**, "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

- **Matthew 6:32**, “For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.”
- **Matthew 7:11**, “If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”
- **Matthew 7:21**, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.”

## **Prayer:**

Pray the Lord’s prayer together: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.” ([Matthew 6:9–13](#))