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Go Deep

“Maybe it Doesn’t Mean What I Think It Means”

Prayer

10.14.18

Were you taught any prayer as a child?

What was one of the earliest ones you can recall?

What is your most pressing question about prayer?

Pat Robertson prayed for Hurricane Florence to miss his property in Virginia. It did! But it hit the states of North and South Carolina?

What do you think about such a prayer?

Did God answer the prayer or did “Nature/Science” direct it?

What do you think is the purpose of prayer? (There’s no wrong answer here!)

Read James 5:14-16.

What has been your experience in relation to this verse?

Read Matthew 6:5-13

What instructions does Jesus give in Matthew 6:5-8?

How have we, as a culture, done obeying these instructions?

Homes in Jesus’ day really didn’t have a “secret” place.

What other meaning could there be with Jesus’ instruction?

Refer to Matthew 6:6-13.

What pronouns are used in the prayer?

What does that say about the nature of prayer?

What does it mean for God’s kingdom to come on earth in the same way as it is practiced in heaven?

The Greek word for “kingdom” is “basilea.” Herod, the king in the time of Jesus, was given the title “Herodou Basileos” - “Herod the King.”

What insight does that give on what Jesus is saying?

To understand “debts,” read Romans 13:8. *What, then, is to be forgiven?*

“Evil” is translated from a word that means “pain” which comes from a word that means “poor.” *What is the connection between the words? What did Jesus come to do (Luke 4:14-19)?*

What will be different about your prayer life after this study?